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2003 Annual Report

On the cover:

S/Sgt. George J. Hall
Congressional Medal of Honor

The family of S/Sgt. George J. Hall, who died in 1946, three years after being wounded, presented his Congressional Medal of Honor to the Town of Stoneham on October 11, 2003. Jim Hall and Enid Cooke, S/Sgt. Hall's brother and sister, were present at the ceremony, as was Jack Stein, Post Commander of Great Meadows, New York VFW, where the Medal was displayed for years. (Taken from a Stoneham Sun article by Danielle (Pothier) Masterson, published on 10/15/03.)

S/Sgt. Hall, after taking 9 German POW's and taking out two machine gun nests, was crawling towards a third German machine gun nest, when his leg was hit by an artillery shell and nearly severed. S/Sgt. Hall severed his own leg with a sheath knife and then made the 75-yard trip back to the American lines.

"Staff Sergeant Hall was cited for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life above and beyond the call of duty in attacking the enemy across flat, open terrain under direct enemy observation. With two enemy machine guns eliminated, his company was able to flank the third and continue its advance without incurring excessive casualties" reads one account of Hall's feats. (Taken from a Stoneham Independent article by Patrick Blais, published on 10/8/03.)

TOWN OF STONEHAM
MASSACHUSETTS

ANNUAL REPORT

2003
Board of Selectmen

Left to right: Selectmen Robert W. Sweeney, Selectmen Cosmo M. Ciccarello, Chairman Mary M. Pecoraro, Selectmen Anthony C. Kennedy, and Selectmen Charles S. Smith, III.

TOWN OF STONEHAM
MASSACHUSETTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Incorporated:	December 17, 1725
Population:	22,914
Land Area:	6.6 square miles
Location:	Ten miles north of Boston; close proximity to Interstate Highways 93 and 128
Form of Government:	Open Town Meeting Selectmen/Town Administrator
Annual Town Election:	First Tuesday in April
Annual Town Meeting:	First Monday in May
Town Operating Budget (FY04):	$53,585,774
Assessed Valuation (FY04):	$2,420,000,000
2004 Tax Rate:	
Residential	$12.16
Commercial	$17.32
Senators in Congress:	Edward M. Kennedy John F. Kerry
Representative in Congress: (Seventh Congressional District)	Edward J. Markey
Sixth Councillor District:	Michael J. Callahan
Middlesex and Essex Senatorial District:	Richard Tisei
30th Representative District:	Carol A. Donovan
31st Representative District:	Paul C. Casey
District Court:	4th East Middlesex Woburn, Massachusetts

STONEHAM
A BRIEF PROFILE

Once a major shoe manufacturing center, the Stoneham of today is a residential community whose commerce includes a balanced mix of retailing, service businesses, and a scattering of light manufacturing.

Recreational facilities abound in Stoneham. Supervised summer programs are provided at our seven playgrounds and thirteen tennis courts. Little League Baseball, Youth Basketball, Pop Warner Football, Youth Hockey, and Soccer Club are all active in our town. The Stoneham Boys and Girls Club provides indoor recreation year round. Town-owned Unicorn Recreational nine-hole golf course, par three golf course, and indoor heated skating rink are available for community use. There is also a private nine-hole golf course at Bear Hill Country Club. Our Whip Hill wildlife Sanctuary and Manor House, consisting of over thirty acres, is a prized asset of Stoneham. The Walter D. Stone Memorial Zoo attracts many visitors.

The Middlesex Fells Reservation, one of the State's largest parks, comprises a major portion of Stoneham (32%) and offers nature trails, bridle paths, and picnicking. Metropolitan District Commission facilities in Stoneham consist of the following:

Swimming Pool
Bear Hill Observatory
Spot Pond
Outdoor Skating Rink

Stoneham has an outstanding public school system, including Northeast Metropolitan Regional vocational School, and also offers private education at St. Patrick's School, Seventh Day Adventist School, and private kindergartens.

Churches include All Saints Episcopal, First Baptist, First Congregational, Jehovah's Witnesses, St. James Methodist, St. Patrick's Roman Catholic, and Seventh Day Adventist.

Central Animal Hospital and Stoneham Animal Hospital both care of our pet population and Stoneham Animal Hospital also serves as dog pound for the community

Stoneham's Senior Center is a source of pleasure for our elder residents, whether they partake of the noontime meal or join in the many planned activities for their enjoyment.

Public housing is available for both senior and low income residents. The Town is 98% sewered, and the Public Works Department renders outstanding service as to plowing, sanding, etc.

Comcast provides cable television service to Stoneham.

Our local newspapers, the Stoneham Independent and the Stoneham Sun, are published weekly.

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TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
2003

	Terms Expire
MODERATOR	
Michael J. Rotondi	2005
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	
Anthony C. Kennedy, Chairman	2004
Mary M. Pecoraro	2004
Charles S. Smith, III	2005
Cosmo M. Ciccarello	2006
Robert W. Sweeney	2006
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
Daniel J. Moynihan	2004
(David Shiels — Resigned 03) Kristen Russo apptd 8/27/03 until 4/04	2005
Cheryl Walsh	2005
Marie T. Christie	2006
Marc A. Grimaldi	2006
BOARD OF ASSESSORS	
Richard Mangerian	2004
William J. Jordan, Chairman	2005
Craig J. Celli	2006
TOWN CLERK	
John J. Hanright	2004
BOARD OF HEALTH	
Benedict J. DiRusso, Jr.	2004
Michael J. Rolli, Chairman	2005
John J. Scullin	2006
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY	
Susan K. Doucette	2004
Susan Waldman Fixman	2004
Rocco Ciccarello	2005
Patricia Kilty	2005
Catherine F. DiDonato	2006
Jane Francis	2006

Terms Expire

NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Anthony DeTeso

PLANNING BOARD

Kevin Dolan	2004
Stephen R. Catalano	2005
Mark Shamon	2006
August S. Niewenhous, III	2007
Frank J. Federico	2008

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Edward J. Pinato	2004
Vincent L. Orsillo	2005
William Jordan	2006
Frederick F. Mosley, Chairman	2008
Rosemary Trask, Governor's Appointee	2001
Joanne Graves, Executive Director	Ex-officio

CONSTABLES

Michael A. Germano	2006
Fredric Kranefuss	2006
Robert E. Moreira	2006

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

William E. Abbott, Employees' Representative	2005
James J. McDermott, Jr., Employees' Representative	2005
Janice T. Houghton, Chairman	2006
Joseph A. DeSisto, Designee of the Board of Selectmen	
Ronald J. Florino, Town Accountant	Ex-officio

BOARD OF APPEALS

(John W. Biggio – Resigned 12/03) Laurence J. Rotondi – Apptd. 12/03	2004
Henry T. Sampson	2004
Gerard J. Cunningham	2005
William N. Sullivan, Jr.	2005
Frank Vallarelli	2006
(Ann Simmons, Associate Member — Resigned 5/30/03) — Laurence Rotondi apptd 6/17/03	2004
Kevin McLaughlin, Associate Member	2004

Terms Expire

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Mary Lou Bracciotti
Ronald J. Doyle
Sharon Lovanni (Resigned 5/27/03)
Judith O'Brien
Gerard Cunningham
Carol Hogan
Patricia A. Kilty (Resigned 5/27/03)
Joseph Ricardelli

BIKE AND GREENWAY COMMITTEE

Cameron Bain, Chairman
Robert Conway
Rita G. Covelle
Peter Daniels
Shirley Drinkwater
John Ranlett
Wendy Smith
Joan Terrasi
Robert Vercollone
Theresa Ward
Kristen Wigandt
John C. Goodwin, Associate Member
Trudy Sevier, Associate Member
Marilyn Regan, Associate Member
Bee Russo, Associate Member

CHAPTER 70 COMMITTEE

Terms effective until 4/30/03

Stephen G. MacLeod
Shelly MacNeill
Laurel Scippa
Charles S. Smith, III
Joseph Viselli
Anthony C. Kennedy (Selectmen Designee)
David Sheils (School Comm. Designee)
John Warren (Finance Bd Designee)
Ronald J. Florino, Acting Town Administrator (Ex officio)
Joseph J. Connelly, Supt of Schools (Ex-officio)
Michael Musto, School Business Manager (Ex-officio)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert E. Conway, Chairman	2004
Scott A. Peterson	2004
Blake Allison (Apptd. 12/17/02)	2005
(Kevin A. Gregory — Resigned 9/03) Rosemary Haloon apptd. 10/7/03	2005
David F. Oberhauser	2005
Michael Christ	2006
Matthew Whooley	2006
Daniel C. Towse, Associate Member	2006

	Terms Expire
COUNCIL ON AGING	
Barbara Mahoney	2004
John Mossali, Chairman	2004
Miriam R. Moore	2004
Karen Annetti	2005
Alice M. Blackwell	2005
Marjorie Neylon	2005
Romeo P. Capuano	2006
Dorothy A. Corkum	2006
Mary A. Cappannelli	2007
Norma Nicolazzo	2007
Howard Porter	2007
CULTURAL COUNCIL	
Jane C. DiGangi	8/31/04
Carol Kopek	8/31/04
John Antonellis	10/7/06
Susan Doucette	10/7/06
Lori S. Gordon-Sack	10/7/06
Marcia M. Wengen	8/31/04
Elizabeth Whelan	10/24/06
DEDICATION COMMITTEE	
Cosmo M. Ciccarello	
Albert B. Conti	
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	
Fire Chief Lawrence Lamey	
Police Chief Gregory M. O'Keefe	
David A. Protman, Action Ambulance Service, Inc.	
Jack Twomey, RN, CEN, EMT-M, Boston Regional Medical Center	
FINANCE & ADVISORY BOARD	
John F. Bowen	
Richard S. Gregorio	
Eric T. Rubin	
Benjamin A. Caggiano	2004
James R. Gard	2004
(Karen L. Medugno — resigned 9/03) Ann Mooney	2004
John C. Warren	2004
Peter D'Anelo	2005
Joseph Carroll	2005
James Grayson, Acting Chairman	2005

	Terms Expire
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	
Peter M. Bracciotti	2004
Stephen E. Rotondi	2004
Elizabeth M. Whelan	2004
Rosemarie McDonald, Chairman	2005
Margaret A. O'Keefe	2005
Marcia M. Wengen	2006
Christopher Willard	2006

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Annamae Arsenault, President
Donald L. Hutcheson, Vice President
Fanny H. Tincker, Secretary
Donald F. Marchant, Treasurer
Mary K. Marchant, Curator

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Joseph DeSisto	James Standish
Frederick Mosley	Gerald Sullivan

MYSTIC VALLEY ELDER SERVICES	
Jane Lavendar	9/30/04
Barbara Mahoney	9/30/04

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE	
Paul O'Brien	2004
Therese DiBlasi	2004
Stephen P. Sylvester	2004
Chris Abreu, Chairman	2005
Denise Healy	2005
Maureen Houghton	2005
Stephen G. McDonough	2005
James Sarno	2005
Dennis J. Visconti	2006

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS	
Russell B. Haloon	2005
Theresa A. Ward	2006
Jo Ann Anderson	2007
John J. Hanright, Town Clerk	Ex-officio

Terms Expire

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Ronald Fiore	Kevin J. Crowley
Marie Christie	Jeanne Craigie
Maureen Soley	Harold G. Paicopolos
Daniel W. Hogan, Jr., Chairman	David A. Campbell
Thomas Barry	Glenys L. Bruno
Stephen O'Neil	David Gardner

TOWN COMMON OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Stephen Born	2004
Dominic Maitino	2004
Stephen McDonough	2004
Patricia Kilty	2005
Beverly Ranese	2005
Sharon Iovanni	2006
Elsie Wallace	2006

WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Mary S. Bond	Joseph DeSisto
Frederick Mosley	Francis Roberts
	Guerino Tamburrini

WATER AND SEWER REVIEW BOARD

Charles A. Doherty — Selectmen designee	2004
John L. Bracciotti — Finance Board designee	2004
Robert E. O'Neill — Selectmen designee	2006
Therese DiBlasi, Chairman — Finance Board designee	2006
Robert W. Nardone — Selectmen designee	2005

APPOINTED TOWN POSITIONS
2003

Town Administrator	David A. Berry
Town Counsel	William H. Solomon, Esq.
Town Treasurer/Tax Collector	Thomas Cicatelli
Town Accountant	Ronald J. Florino
Fire Chief	Lawrence Lamey
Police Chief	Gregory M. O'Keefe
Superintendent of Schools	Joseph Connelly
Library Director	Hugh E. Williams, Jr.
Public Works Director	Robert E. Grover
Inspector of Buildings	Eugene Argiro
Director of Veterans Services	Carl Saunders
Director of Civil Preparedness	Lawrence Lamey
Director of Assessing	Elaine E. Moore
Fence Viewer	Eugene Argiro

TOWN GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

Citizens Elect:
Board of Selectmen
School Committee
Town Clerk
Board of Assessors
Planning Board
Constables
Library Trustees
Board of Health
*Housing Authority
Moderator
Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School Representative

*Four Elected, One Appointed by State

Selectmen Appoint:
Town Administrator
Town Counsel
Town Accountant
Selectmen's Office Staff
Council on Aging
Board of Appeals
Conservation Commission
Commission for the Handicapped
Historical Commission
Recreation and Open Space Committee
Registrars of Voters
Designee to Board of Retirement
All multi-member Boards/Committees
EOCD

School Committee Appoints:
Superintendent of Schools

Town Administrator Appoints:
Building and Wire Inspectors
Dog Officers
Fire Chief
Police Chief
Town Engineer
Treasurer/Collector
Director of Veterans Services
All Other Officers and Employees

Superintendent of Schools Appoints:
School Staff

Library Trustees Appoint:
Library Director

Moderator Appoints:
Finance & Advisory Board
Ad Hoc Committees

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
2003

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to present the 2003 Annual Report to the residents of Stoneham, in accordance with Section 2-31 of the Town Code, which reads as follows:

Every officer in charge of a department shall annually, on or before the tenth day of January, transmit to the Selectmen, in writing, a report containing a statement of the acts and doings of his department for the past financial year; such report shall be printed in the Annual Report.

On April 1, 2003 Cosmo M. Ciccarello and Robert W. Sweeney were re-elected to three-year terms as Selectmen.

On April 8, 2004, the Board reorganized. Mary M. Pecoraro was elected Chairman; Anthony C. Kennedy, Vice-Chairman; Charles S. Smith, III, Secretary; Cosmo M. Ciccarello and Robert W. Sweeney, Members. Muriel Doherty is Office Manager to the Board, and Grace Visconti is part-time clerk in the Selectmen's office.

In accordance with Article VIII, Section 2-45, of the Town Code, William H. Solomon was reappointed Town Counsel for the Town of Stoneham, on March 11, 2003.

Just from licenses alone, revenue in the amount of $43,716.00 was collected in the office of the Board of Selectmen during FY2003. The licenses processed which generated such funds were Automatic Amusement Devices, Miniature Golf, Class I - New Car Dealer, Class II - Used Car Dealers, Common Victuallers, Carnival Licenses, Entertainment Licenses, Juke Boxes, Public Entertainment on Sundays, Club Liquor Licenses, Restaurant Liquor Licenses, Package Goods Store Liquor Licenses, Special Permits, Cable Franchise, Taxicabs, Liveries, and Limousines. In addition to the $43,716.00 collected from licenses, several gifts and payments were made to the Town, also. AT & T Broadband paid $30,000 to the Town. RCN-BecoCom made a payment of $73,000. Chem Shared paid $51,159 in lieu of taxes to cover the last two years. Whip Hill Trust donated $10,000 for the care and maintenance of Whip Hill, in addition to a $3,500 matching gift donation. IYH Corp. (BJ's) contributed $20,000 for public safety for FY02 and FY03. The Boston Company paid $3,500 in payment for the administration of the Stockwell Fund. S.R. Weiner & Associates, Inc. donated their annual contribution of $1,500 towards the upkeep of the traffic island in front of Redstone. A total of $975 was received towards the Annual Senior Citizen Holiday Party.

Many applicants were assisted by this office and applications were processed for the Helen Walcott Stockwell Trust, which covers payment of medical bills for needy Stoneham residents. Funds were distributed to various hospitals and physicians. Residents may apply at the Selectmen's office for an application.

Seven (7) lots are available at Lindenwood Cemetery to be used for the burial of indigent Stoneham residents. Mrs. Edna H. Kirts donated eight lots to the Town in memory of her father, Charles Cloudman, on October 16, 1979. Residents may contact the Board of Selectmen's office to determine eligibility.

The Board of Selectmen met 49 times during 2003. In addition, there were 5 Town Meetings held this year. Members of the Board attended many sub-committee meetings and meetings of other boards, committees, and commissions, in addition to attending conferences. The Board of Selectmen made appointments to the boards and committees during the year. Several Public Hearings were held relative to site plan approval; public utilities as to installation of poles and conduits; public input on projects; and determination and adoption of local tax revenue to be borne by each class of real and personal property. On 11/18/03, the Board voted to have a hiring freeze, due to the financial situation, and the cuts that will need to be made in the FY05 budget.

The United States is still at war on terrorism, after the horrendous attacks of 9/11/01. Several Town employees have been called to active military duty, or continue on active military duty, as also occurred in the year before. From the Police Department, Police Officer Richard Del Rossi and Head Dispatcher David Luciano were on active duty. From the Fire Department, Sean Fitzgerald, Michael Labriola, James McLaughlin, Jr., and Justin Petrillo were called to active duty or were already on active duty, and James O'Brien, Arena Assistant, had been activated during the past couple of years. Some of these men have already returned to work for the Town. Our thoughts and prayers remain with all the residents of Stoneham and the Town employees who are serving our country, as well as all our armed forces from all over the country. We are proud of them and thankful to them for their service.

On December 4, 2003, the Board of Selectmen held our annual Senior Citizen Holiday Party. This affair was held at Montvale Plaza. About 300 seniors enjoyed dinner, entertainment, raffle prizes, and gifts for all. The Board thanks those businesses, individuals, and Michael Rolli, Chairman of the Board of Health, who helped make this party possible, through their generous donations, services, and time. Thanks to Marty Murphy, owner of Montvale Plaza, a sit-down dinner was provided, in place of a buffet-style dinner.

The Board of Selectmen, which sets policy for the Town, continues to be receptive to citizen input, not only at public hearings but through phone calls received at home, in our contact with the public, and in phone calls and visits made to our office by the public. The Board, as always, welcomes this input and encourages it. The Board holds public hearings on many issues to give the townspeople an opportunity to have input. The Board of Selectmen and its office continue to perform the many and diverse functions required by both Town Bylaws and Massachusetts General Law and to expand services where needed.

The Board of Selectmen wishes to thank all Town officers, employees, and members of committees for their efforts and dedication during the past year.

Left to right: Sen. Richard Tisei, Selectman Anthony Kennedy, Selectmen Cosmo Ciccarello, Rep. Carol Donovan, Rep. Paul Casey, Police Chief Greg O'Keefe, the representative from The Gutierrez Company, and Board of Health Chairman Mike Rolli, at Montvale Plaza for the Selectmen's Senior Holiday Party.

Mike Rolli presenting a raffle prize to Mike Uva at the Selectmen's Senior Holiday Party.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

An eventful 2003 has ended, and my tenure in Stoneham as Town Administrator has reached two years and four months. I am learning that this challenge is a continuous process of learning and growth. I again thank each and every one of you for your help, assistance, guidance, and support.

The Arena continues to be the focus of much attention. After an unsuccessful attempt to transfer the management and operation of the Arena to a private company, the current plan is to re-assess and possibly reformulate the manager's position. A working group is in the process of addressing this issue. Unfortunately, the continuing poor economy continued to reduce the revenues from both the Arena and golf course operations, as it did for all phases of government.

Though the economy appears to be improving at last, the effects of the lengthy economic downward spiral had dire consequences on the approved FY2003 budget, causing further reductions mid-year; and continuing to cause problems into FY2005. In fact, the single biggest issue facing the Town as 2003 rolls into 2004 is the Fiscal Year 2005 budget. With a substantial projected shortfall, a major decision for both the Town and the public will be how to address this gap. How it is addressed will determine the character of the Town, as major layoffs to balance the budget will seriously affect the services provided by the Town, thus affecting the quality of life of Stoneham residents for years to come. Balancing the FY05 budget will be very difficult, especially if promising new sources of revenue continue to be rejected or prolonged, as they were in 2003 (the sale of two Town-owned properties, and the proposed development on the former BRMC site). During these critical times, it becomes even more important that everyone cooperate, and understand that there is very little discretion that the Town can excercise with respect to the budget. Extraordinary measures were taken to balance the FY03 and FY04 budgets, and these same measures--and more--will have to be taken to balance the FY05 budget.

Other projects that occurred in 2003 include:

1) The annual audit of the Town's finances recognized the steps taken by the Town to improve its financial management systems. The major recommendation was that the conversion of the Town's financial software be implemented as soon as possible. This conversion will occur in 2004. Otherwise, the audit was excellent.

2) A special Town study group, in conjunction with a consultant, continues its work identifying the most feasible site for a new fire/emergency operations facility. The group has identified the present fire station site and one other site nearby on Main Street as the best alternatives, and is conducting site analyses to determine the most feasible site.

3) Negotiations are ongoing for contracts with all eight Town unions; the School teacher's union has settled its contract and is negotiating with its other unions. These contracts will retroactively cover the period from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2006.

4) The capital improvement planning process continues. The goal is to have a capital plan in place during FY2005.

5) The proposed multi-use pathway along the old MBTA right-of-way, most of which the Town now owns, may be able to move forward in 2004, as the Selectmen executed a lease agreement for the final 900 or so feet; this agreement is awaiting final execution by the MBTA. Funding for the initial phases has been set aside and should enable the three participating communities to initiate the project in 2004.

It has been an exciting, challenging, and rewarding year. Stoneham continues to move forward, with potentially significant changes in its fire/emergency operations center facility, a new bike path, the opening of the two new elementary schools, and completion of a master planning effort, not to mention the ongoing provision of the many high-quality day-to-day services. The dark cloud over all of these efforts continues to be the severe challenge of balancing budgets. While the impact of such tight budgets may be the delay of certain projects, the Town will nevertheless continue to pursue all of these worthwhile endeavors as resources permit.

TOWN COUNSEL
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

I am pleased to offer the following report concerning the office of the Town Counsel for the Year 2003.

With respect to litigation to which the Town was a party, the following cases were disposed in the year 2003:

Curt Feuer, Trustee of the Montvale Place Realty Trust v. Stoneham Board of Appeals, Martin L. Murphy, Jr., Trustee of KMJSS Realty;and Marty's Caterers, Inc. d/b/a Montvale Plaza,
Massachusetts Appeals Court No. 2001-P-1094

Pembroke Real Estate Inc. v. Town of Stoneham,
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 023112

Town of Stoneham v. E.J.Sciaba Contracting Company et al.,
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 02-03801

E.J.Sciaba Contracting Company v. Town of Stoneham,
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 02-4895

City of Medford et al. v. Fellsway Development, LLC. [and] the Planning Board of the Town of Stoneham,
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 01-1132

Anne DeSouza-Ward as they are the City of Melrose Planning Board v. Fellsway Development, LLC [and] the Planning Board of the Town of Stoneham,
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 01-1103

Andrew Sykes, et al. v. Fellsway Development, LLC. [and] the Planning Board of the Town of Stoneham,
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 01-1127

Town of Stoneham through its Inspector of Buildings v. Dennis Bain and Ann Kilroy,
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 02-2519

John M. D'Orsi v. Bette D. Biggio, Trustee and the Town of Stoneham Planning Board,
Land Court No. 02278547

Michael Vining v. Town of Stoneham,
Woburn District Court, Docket No. 0253CV1085

Stonewood Realty Trust v. Town of Stoneham,
Woburn District Court, Docket No. 200353SC000505

The following cases were added in the Year 2003 and are still pending:

Omnipoint Holdings, Inc. v. Town of Stoneham and Stoneham Board of Appeals, United States District Court, Massachusetts, C.A. No. 03-12133

Town of Stoneham v. Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority,
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 03-0450

Gail A. Kallis, Trustee, Abbey Realty Trust v. Trusteee of the Lynn Shore Drive Trust and as they are Members of the Stoneham Planning Board, Land Court, Case No. 286205

Gail A. Kallis, Trustee, Abbey Realty Trust v. Trustee of 409-413 Main Street Realty Trust, Land Court, Case No. 289180

Curt Feuer, Trustee of the Montvale Place Realty Trust v. Stoneham Board of Appeals, Martin L. Murphy, Jr., Trustee of KMJSS Realty; and Marty's Caterers, Inc. d/b/a Montvale Plaza, Land Court, Case No. 256005 (continuation of dispute between the private parties).

Legal and other assistance was provided to Town officials, boards, commissions, department and employees. Among the matters resolved were the past due debt of the former Metropolitan District Commission (now the Department of Conservation and Recreation) for water provided to its swimming pool adjacent to the Middlesex Fells Reservation. Among the matters for which this office provided assistance, was the discussions with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue with respect to the use of funds in the water and sewer accounts, and the continuing dispute regarding the MDC's/Department of Conservation and Recreation's "Jerry Jingle Park", and the successful effort, initiated by Selectmen Ciccarello, to reduce the Town's costs for liability insurance. Amendments to the Town Code included an extensive revision to Chapter 2, Administration.

This office continued its efforts with respect to telecommunications matters. Significant time was devoted to assisting the Board of Appeals with respect to the variance applications and other relief sought by wireless providers Omnipoint Holding d/b/a T-Mobile and Sprint Spectrum L.P d/b/a Sprint PCS at the Villa Grande Condominiums.

I express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, Town officials, department heads and employees for their assistance and support. It is an honor to serve as Town Counsel.

William H. Solomon
Town Counsel

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

In fiscal year 2003, the Town generated a surplus of $2,713,317 which was certified as free cash by the State. This amount was much greater than previous years due to a one time transfer to the General Fund of $1,263,383 from the Water Fund Surplus and $324,677 from the Sewer Fund Surplus. The Water Fund was left with a Retained Earnings balance of $100,000 and the Sewer Fund was left with a Retained Earnings Balance of $250,000. The Town voted these transfers at the May 5, 2003 Annual Town Meeting in conjunction with adopting the Massachusetts General Laws to establish Enterprise Funds for the Water and Sewer Departments effective July 1, 2003.

At the October 27, 2003 Special Town Meeting, the Town voted to use $1,632,188 of this free cash to balance the Fiscal Year 2004 Budget and $1,081,129 of it went into the Town's Stabilization Fund. This enabled the Town to restore the $1,051,851 that was taken from the Stabilization Fund at the May 5, 2003 Annual Town Meeting and bring the balance in this Fund back over $1,300,000.

The Town has not yet overcome all of its financial woes even though it has a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2004. The Fiscal Year 2004 Budget was balanced using almost $3.5 million of nonrecurring revenues that will not be available for the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget. The pension system will need an additional $1 million in Fiscal Year 2005 due to the poor return on investments in the stock market over the past two years. Finally, the State has reduced State Aid by almost $2 million over the past two years, and the Town should probably not count on an increase in Fiscal Year 2005. These factors have resulted in a projected shortfall of over $4 million for the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget.

Aside from the Budget, the Accounting Department has been very busy implementing GASB 34. This regulation requires Stoneham to account for all of its fixed assets valued at over $10,000 by June 30, 2003. This has been a monumental task since every foot of water and sewer pipe and every mile of road owned by the Town of Stoneham had to be recorded as an asset. In certain instances, the records stating the cost and date of purchase of some old properties could not be found. The Town was able to obtain a cost basis for such property with the assistance of a company that specializes in the valuation of municipal property.

The Accounting Department would not have had such a successful year if it were not for my very competent support staff: Assistant Town Accountant Donna Pagliarulo, Full Time Office Assistant Patricia Queeney, and Part Time Office Assistant Karen Brown. I would like to express my sincere appreciation and thanks for their hard work and loyalty to me, and to the Town of Stoneham. Also, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald J. Florino
Town Accountant

TOWN OF STONEHAM
DEPARTMENTAL CASH RECEIPTS SUMMARY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2003

TAX COLLECTIONS (NET OF REFUNDS):			
REAL ESTATE-2004	$57,569.89		
REAL ESTATE-2003	$28,501,972.28		
REAL ESTATE-2002 AND PRIOR	$272,207.88	$28,831,750.05	
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2003	$480,191.86		
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2002 AND PRIOR	($7,624.23)	$472,567.63	
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE-2003	$2,176,436.90		
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE-2002 AND PRIOR	$613,755.57	$2,790,192.47	
TAX TITLES		$206,812.16	
DEFERRED REAL ESTATE		$20,136.10	
PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES			
*CHEM SHARE	$25,890.75		
*STONEHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY	$2,592.00	$28,482.75	$32,349,941.16
DEPARTMENTAL COLLECTIONS:			
BOARD OF SELECTMEN			
*LICENSES		$42,551.00	
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR			
*DOG OFFICER REIMB.	$4,400.00		
*RESCO CAPITAL COST REIMB.	$69,709.34		
*OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	$11,321.05	$85,430.39	

ASSESSORS		
*OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE		$3,741.00
TOWN TREASURER		
*INTEREST INCOME	$218,151.16	
*TAX TITLE ADVERTISING	$827.00	
*TAX TITLE INTEREST	$41,376.35	
*INTEREST ACCRUED ON BOND	$86,466.37	
*OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	$1,305.55	$348,126.43
TAX COLLECTOR		
*PENALTIES & INTEREST ON REAL ESTATE TAXES	$58,241.47	
*PENALTIES & INTEREST ON PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	$575.44	
*PENALTIES & INTEREST ON DEFERRED REAL ESTATE TAXES	$6,083.64	
*PENALTIES & INTEREST ON MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	$12,393.16	
*CHARGES & FEES	$26,327.00	
*TAX CERTIFICATE FEES	$60,940.37	$164,561.08
TOWN COUNSEL		
*OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE		$620.00
TOWN CLERK		
*CERTIFICATION FEES	$23,821.95	
*MARRIAGE LICENSES	$2,966.00	
*OTHER BUSINESS PERMITS	$1,415.63	
*TOWN BYLAW VIOLATIONS	$2,000.00	
*ALL OTHER FEES	$24,406.52	$54,610.10
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS		
*SALE OF STREET LISTS		$670.00

COMMUNITY DEV./PLANNING BOARD		
*FILING FEES		$11,110.66
PUBLIC PROPERTY BUILDINGS		
*RENTAL OF BUILDINGS		$1,403.44
POLICE DEPARTMENT		
*PARKING FINES	$9,727.00	
*PISTOL PERMITS	$3,364.75	
*TAXI CAB PERMITS	$1,845.00	
*ALL OTHER FEES (e.g. ALARMS, ACCIDENT REPORTS, ETC...)	$58,645.22	$73,581.97
FIRE DEPARTMENT		
*SMOKE DETECTOR INSPECTIONS & OIL BURNER PERMITS		$29,085.12
BUILDING & WIRE		
*BUILDING PERMITS	$157,642.10	
*WIRING PERMITS	$34,792.00	
*PLUMBING PERMITS	$15,472.00	
*GAS PERMITS	$6,860.00	
*OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	$40,711.17	$255,477.27
SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES		
*SEALING FEES		$3,480.50
SCHOOLS		
*MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS		$427,454.00
PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION		
*OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE		$3,558.24

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT			
*STREET OPENING PERMITS		$9,140.00	
REFUSE DEPARTMENT			
*SALE OF LEAF BAGS	$1,005.50		
*RECYCLING FEES	$2,430.00	$3,435.50	
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT			
*OPENING GRAVES/GRAVE LINERS/FOUNDATIONS		$65,055.00	
BOARD OF HEALTH			
*LICENSES & PERMITS		$20,191.80	
PUBLIC LIBRARY			
*LIBRARY FINES	$2,197.53		
*ALL OTHER FEES (e.g. POSTAGE & LOST BOOKS)	$302.95	$2,500.48	
RECREATION			
*STONEHAM OAKS GOLF COURSE	$183,751.00		
*UNICORN GOLF COURSE	$696,802.00		
*STONEHAM ARENA SKATING FEES	$395,313.24	$1,275,866.24	$2,881,650.22

STATE AID:		
REAL ESTATE ABATEMENTS FOR THE ELDERLY	$185,845.00	
POLICE CAREER INCENTIVE	$162,191.00	
CHAPTER 70 SCHOOL AID	$3,284,829.00	
VETERANS' BENEFITS	$39,446.21	
LOTTERY	$2,042,945.00	
CHAPTER 71 SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION	$0.00	
LOCAL AID FUND	$2,163,824.00	
DISTRICT COURT FINES	$6,946.00	
REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLE FINES	$48,900.00	
SCHOOL BUILDING ASSISSTANCE FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION	$1,424,013.00	
OTHER STATE AID	$8,995.27	$9,367,934.48
PENSION REIMBURSEMENTS:		
PENSION REIMB.-OTHER MUNICIPALITIES	$7,510.20	
COLA REIMB. FROM STATE	$2,662.38	$10,172.58
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		$44,609,698.44
SEWER DEPARTMENT		
SEWER RATES 2003		$4,134,989.40
SEWER RATES 2002		$34,910.87
MONTHLY SEWER RATES		$192,228.07
SEWER LIENS 2003		$152,667.69
SEWER LIENS 2002 AND PRIOR		$16,533.59
SEWER ASSESSMENTS		$558.88
COMMITTED INTEREST		$334.70
PENALTIES & INTEREST ON SEWER CHARGES		$16,634.64
INTEREST INCOME		$1,508.38
ALL OTHER FEES		$2,370.00
TOTAL SEWER FUND		$4,552,736.22

WATER DEPARTMENT	
WATER RATES 2003	$2,182,236.60
WATER RATES 2002	$17,845.54
MONTHLY WATER RATES	$1,161,933.80
WATER LIENS 2003	$72,684.07
WATER LIENS 2002 AND PRIOR	$8,690.49
WATER MAIN ASSESSMENTS	$162.25
COMMITTED MAIN INTEREST	$16.20
PENALTIES & INTEREST ON WATER CHARGES	$6,807.99
ALL OTHER FEES	$9,954.36
TOTAL WATER FUND	$3,460,331.30

TOWN OF STONEHAM
Budget vs Actual Summary
As of June 30, 2003

Depart. #	Department	PERSONNEL FY'03 Budget	PERSONNEL Current Month Expended	PERSONNEL Year-to-date Expended	PERSONNEL % Used	OPERATING FY'03 Budget	OPERATING Current Month Expended	OPERATING Year-to-date Expended	OPERATING % Used	TOTAL BUDGET FY'03 Budget	TOTAL BUDGET Current Month Expended	TOTAL BUDGET Year-to-date Expended	TOTAL BUDGET End of Year Encumbrances	TOTAL BUDGET % Used
114	Town Moderator	3,583	481.91	3,582.92	100.00%	49	0.00	20.00	40.82%	3,632	481.91	3,602.92	0.00	99.20%
122	Board of Selectmen	76,486	8,450.29	75,954.65	99.31%	19,165	350.83	14,236.47	74.28%	95,651	8,801.12	90,191.12	4,285.31	98.77%
123	Town Administrator	271,308	24,724.75	266,445.92	98.21%	98,317	3,332.46	75,211.85	76.50%	369,625	28,057.21	341,657.77	23,104.51	98.68%
131	Finance Board	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	4,198	1,500.00	1,500.00	35.73%	4,198	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	35.73%
132	F&A Reserve Fund	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	7,500	0.00	0.00	0.00%	7,500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
135	Town Accountant	185,460	18,195.73	185,266.81	99.90%	30,635	2,262.45	26,764.50	87.37%	216,095	20,458.18	212,031.31	3,850.00	99.90%
141	Assessors	141,174	13,900.25	141,173.92	100.00%	15,663	2,781.00	14,711.86	93.93%	156,837	16,681.25	155,885.78	756.00	99.88%
145	Town Treasurer	218,010	21,275.10	217,108.31	99.59%	90,813	7,542.10	87,760.20	96.64%	308,823	28,817.20	304,868.51	1,443.21	99.19%
151	Town Counsel	90,528	9,000.91	90,476.37	99.94%	37,423	12,219.82	28,808.06	76.98%	127,951	21,220.73	119,284.43	6,674.23	98.44%
155	Data Processing	65,692	6,511.72	65,612.25	99.88%	62,948	6,365.34	55,659.06	88.42%	128,640	12,877.06	121,271.31	7,132.00	99.82%
161	Town Clerk	128,925	12,435.89	128,845.96	99.94%	9,145	2,733.56	6,255.57	68.40%	138,070	15,169.45	135,101.53	2,165.55	99.42%
162	Elec. & Reg.	29,169	2,715.00	27,033.24	92.68%	37,649	300.00	26,363.60	70.02%	66,818	3,015.00	53,396.84	5,074.48	87.51%
172	Whip Hill park	40,681	3,918.39	40,612.30	99.83%	11,407	1,547.86	9,332.06	81.81%	52,088	5,466.25	49,944.36	0.00	95.88%
182	Comm. Dev./Planning	85,804	8,529.59	85,697.45	99.88%	5,205	360.18	3,329.50	63.97%	91,009	8,889.77	89,026.95	0.00	97.82%
192	Public Property Maint	33,057	4,703.10	31,593.18	95.57%	77,800	3,551.30	57,537.93	73.96%	110,857	8,254.40	89,131.11	14,402.37	93.39%
210	Police	3,314,270	341,367.16	3,300,920.90	99.60%	282,224	37,927.58	233,073.39	82.58%	3,596,494	379,294.74	3,533,994.29	35,386.28	99.25%
211	Traffic Directors	154,800	14,343.13	149,276.51	96.43%	4,378	919.30	4,260.55	97.32%	159,178	15,262.43	153,537.06	9.00	96.46%
212	Dispatchers	275,475	27,276.15	272,278.37	98.84%	6,975	1,171.73	2,402.45	34.44%	282,450	28,447.88	274,680.82	0.00	97.25%
220	Fire	2,595,123	292,518.25	2,594,818.38	99.99%	155,950	19,835.09	142,099.43	91.12%	2,751,073	312,353.34	2,736,917.81	6,464.67	99.72%
241	Building & Wire	211,632	20,935.38	211,591.33	99.98%	10,118	1,168.05	8,870.03	87.67%	221,750	22,103.43	220,461.36	1,247.63	99.98%
291	Civil Defense	22,111	0.00	22,111.00	100.00%	6,372	0.00	6,372.00	100.00%	28,483	0.00	28,483.00	0.00	100.00%
300	Schools	17,346,348	1,672,223.17	17,465,084.53	100.68%	3,962,350	113,612.41	3,753,440.70	94.73%	21,308,698	1,785,835.58	21,218,525.23	90,172.77	100.00%
399	NE Regional Voc	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	338,445	0.00	338,445.00	100.00%	338,445	0.00	338,445.00	0.00	100.00%
400	Public Works	1,001,559	67,353.68	970,449.04	96.89%	2,038,930	279,140.50	2,002,897.38	98.23%	3,040,489	346,494.18	2,973,346.42	27,024.11	98.68%
510	Board of Health	101,327	10,861.62	99,442.97	98.14%	10,799	2,538.45	7,642.35	70.77%	112,126	13,400.07	107,085.32	653.84	96.09%
541	Council on Aging	126,599	11,961.44	121,871.77	96.27%	61,814	11,417.90	50,643.26	81.93%	188,413	23,379.34	172,515.03	5,689.51	94.58%
542	Youth Commission	83,764	8,356.20	81,121.32	96.85%	8,464	592.21	8,253.76	97.52%	92,228	8,948.41	89,375.08	210.24	97.13%
543	Veterans Service	10,305	1,026.06	10,300.10	99.95%	62,359	1,327.69	61,842.26	99.17%	72,664	2,353.75	72,142.36	0.00	99.28%
610	Public Library	509,794	44,871.58	499,335.22	97.95%	217,386	26,724.24	193,758.04	89.13%	727,180	71,595.82	693,093.26	19,415.48	97.98%
630	Unicorn Golf Course	246,014	27,916.41	244,498.30	99.38%	330,160	68,348.05	301,221.84	91.24%	576,174	96,264.46	545,720.14	4,074.41	95.42%
631	Unicorn Rink	187,724	15,604.18	181,891.43	96.89%	259,000	483.56	237,297.32	91.62%	446,724	16,087.74	419,188.75	20,790.49	98.49%
710	Maturing Debt	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	1,773,060	0.00	2,440,600.00	137.65%	1,773,060	0.00	2,440,600.00	0.00	137.65%
750	Interest	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	2,426,039	5,468.05	1,757,722.34	72.45%	2,426,039	5,468.05	1,757,722.34	0.00	72.45%
910	Non-Contributory	74,200	6,201.92	74,192.84	99.99%	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	74,200	6,201.92	74,192.84	0.00	99.99%
911	Contributory	2,632,403	0.00	2,632,403.00	100.00%	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	2,632,403	0.00	2,632,403.00	0.00	100.00%
918	Capital	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
919	Unclassified	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	2,037,762	105,293.66	1,964,450.82	96.40%	2,037,762	105,293.66	1,964,450.82	49,207.36	98.82%
920	Non-Departmental	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	39,661	3,744.58	32,420.77	81.74%	39,661	3,744.58	32,420.77	1,000.00	84.27%
	TOTAL GENERAL	30,263,325	2,697,658.96	30,290,990.29	100.09%	14,540,163	724,559.95	13,955,204.35	95.98%	44,803,488	3,422,218.91	44,246,194.64	330,233.45	98.76%
440	Sewer	348,262	46,684.89	342,082.14	98.23%	68,800	696.07	68,809.22	100.01%	417,062	47,380.96	410,891.36	13.35	98.52%
440	Intergovernmental	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	3,700,000	148,896.00	3,461,944.45	93.57%	3,700,000	148,896.00	3,461,944.45	0.00	93.57%
710	Maturing Debt	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	116,837	0.00	116,837.00	100.00%	116,837	0.00	116,837.00	0.00	100.00%
750	Interest	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
	TOTAL SEWER	348,262	46,684.89	342,082.14	98.23%	3,885,637	149,592.07	3,647,590.67	93.87%	4,233,899	196,276.96	3,989,672.81	13.35	94.23%
450	Water	465,642	49,252.65	447,410.29	96.08%	156,450	3,636.06	155,217.71	99.21%	622,092	52,888.71	602,628.00	1,231.50	97.07%
440	Intergovernmental	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	1,946,000	33,621.00	1,946,683.00	100.04%	1,946,000	33,621.00	1,946,683.00	0.00	100.04%
710	Maturing Debt	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	74,141	0.00	74,140.60	100.00%	74,141	0.00	74,140.60	0.00	100.00%
750	Interest	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
	TOTAL WATER	465,642	49,252.65	447,410.29	96.08%	2,176,591.00	37,257.06	2,176,041.31	99.97%	2,642,233	86,509.71	2,623,451.60	1,231.50	99.29%

TOWN OF STONEHAM
SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET
AS OF JUNE 30, 2003

Assets	General Fund	Revolving Fund	Federal/ State Grants	Special Revenue Sewer	Special Revenue Water	Other Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Account Group General L-T Obligations
Cash - Unrestricted Checking	6,048,467									
- Restricted Checking	285,539	675,131	657,567	253,040	495,115	4,521,942	49,728			
- Restricted Savings	192,700	2,940,991								
Personal Property Tax - 2003	12,266									
Personal Property Tax - 2002	18,767									
Personal Property Tax - 2001	17,813									
Personal Property Tax - Prior Years	83,030									
Real Estate Tax - 2004	(57,570)									
Real Estate Tax - 2003	342,611									
Real Estate Tax - 2002	84,913									
Real Estate Tax - Prior Years	60,967									
Allowance for Abate/Exemptions	(1,229,249)									
Tax Liens	398,687									
Deferred Real Estate Taxes	228,063									
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - 2003	84,290									
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - 2002	(5,205)									
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - 2001	23,919									
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - Prior Years	38,428									
User Charges Receivable - Sewer	554,855									
User Charges Receivable - Water	233,648									
Utility Liens Receivable	32,296	15,106								
Other Service Charges Receivable										
Departmental Receivables										
Unapportioned Special Assessments										
Apportioned Assess. Added to Taxes										
Committed Interest										

Assets	General Fund	Revolving Fund	Federal/ State Grants	Special Revenue Sewer	Special Revenue Water	Other Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Account Group General L-T Obligations
Apportioned Assessment Not Yet Due	12,550	7,079								
Due From State Government	646,132									
Tax Foreclosures										
Amount to be provided for GLTD	40,065,952									
Total Assets	**6,150,199**	**285,539**	**1,321,263**	**1,257,267**	**508,874**	**687,814**	**4,521,942**	**2,940,991**	**49,728**	**40,065,952**
Liabilities and Fund Balances										
Warrants Payable	401,637	9,843	52,147	414	2,460	12,811	17,763	25,438		
Accrued Payroll	244,587	626	2,053	11,034	13,967	200	636	12,109		
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	11,078,000									
Paid Details(Police, Fire, & Custodial)	(91,506)									
Employee Payroll Withholding Taxes										
Due to Comm. of Mass./Other Agencies	53,007									
Unclaimed Items	26,501									
Guaranteed Deposits	1,198	192,700								
Deferred Revenue:										
Uncollected Property Tax	(666,451)									
Uncollected Def. Real Estate	228,063									
Uncollected Tax Liens	398,687									
Uncollected Motor Veh. Exc.	141,432									
Uncollected User Charges			554,855	233,648						
Uncollected Utility Liens			32,296	15,106						
Uncollected Dept. Receivables										
Uncollected Gov't Receivables		646,132								
Uncollected Special Assess.			12,550	7,079						
Uncollected Service Charges										
General Long Term Obligation Bonds										40,065,952
Total Liabilities	**775,653**	**10,469**	**700,331**	**611,149**	**272,261**	**205,510**	**11,095,963**	**636**	**(953)**	**40,065,952**

Liabilities and Fund Balances	General Fund	Revolving Fund	Federal/ State Grants	Special Revenue Sewer	Special Revenue Water	Other Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Account Group General L-T Obligations
Undesignated Fund Balance	4,274,992			250,000	100,000					
Fund Balance:										
Res. for Expenditures	542,841									
Res. for Continuous Approp.	211,915			396,105	135,381					
Reserved for Encumbrances	332,898			13	1,232					
Designated Under Assessments	11,900									
Designated Federal Grants			301,829							
Designated State Grants			319,103							
Designated Revolving Fund		275,070								
Reserved for Appropriation						146,458				
Reserved for Special Purposes						335,846	(6,574,021)	2,940,355	50,681	
Total Fund Balances	**5,374,545**	**275,070**	**620,932**	**646,118**	**236,613**	**482,304**	**(6,574,021)**	**2,940,355**	**50,681**	**0**
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	**6,150,198**	**285,539**	**1,321,263**	**1,257,267**	**508,874**	**687,814**	**4,521,942**	**2,940,991**	**49,728**	**40,065,952**

Town of Stoneham
Schedule of Federal & State Grants
As of June 30, 2003

Federal Grants	Balance 7/1/02	Received FY 03	Total Available	Expended FY 03	Balance 6/30/03
Digital Booking System	(31,471)	0	(31,471)	0	(31,471)
Title I - Reading Program	(50,071)	557,264	507,193	467,811	39,382
Title VIB-Special Education for Handicapped	26,821	392,033	418,854	364,607	54,247
Cops Universal Hiring Grant	130,000	0	130,000	65,000	65,000
FEMA Food & Shelter	3,432	0	3,432	0	3,432
Title II - Block Grant	(4,346)	19,399	15,053	14,787	266
Title VIB - Early Childhood Development	329	18,284	18,613	18,251	362
Community Caring	18	0	18	0	18
Title II-DDE Grant	4,972	0	4,972	4,972	0
Copsmore Grant	34,532	0	34,532	750	33,782
Title II Enhancing Education via Tech. FY03	0	12,437	12,437	8,200	4,237
SPED Program Improvements FY03	0	30,263	30,263	7,746	22,518
Title II Improving Educator Quality	0	75,837	75,837	49,202	26,636
School State Assessment FY03	0	501	501	445	56
FEMA Snow Emergency Funds	0	44,025	44,025	44,025	0
Early Childhood Training	0	3,500	3,500	0	3,500
Title III English Language Acquisition	0	25,000	25,000	7,932	17,069
School Mental Health Support FY03	0	4,000	4,000	0	4,000
Community Development-Home Program	1,181	0	1,181	0	1,181
SCDC Downtown Revitalization Grant	31	0	31	0	31
Seatbelt Enforcement Grant	5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000
School Corrective Action Grant	5,855	0	5,855	5,855	0
Gay/Straight Alliance Grant	19	0	19	19	0

Federal Grants	Balance 7/1/02	Received FY 03	Total Available	Expended FY 03	Balance 6/30/03
SPED Access to Curriculum Grant	1,822	8,431	10,253	10,253	0
Emergency Immigrant English Program	6,133	0	6,133	5,823	310
Wakefield Voc. School Project (Police)	1,719	0	1,719	0	1,719
Middlesex Comm. College-School to Work	4	0	4	4	(0)
FEMA Fire Prevention Grant	8,429	16,726	25,155	25,155	(0)
FEMA Fire Training Grant	0	78,858	78,858	34,783	44,075
Safe & Drug Free Schools	(5,839)	22,229	16,390	9,910	6,480
Class Size Reduction Program	3,358	0	3,358	3,358	(0)
Total Federal Grants	141,928	1,308,787	1,450,715	1,148,886	301,828
State Grants					
Student Awareness Fire Education (S.A.F.E.)	364	1,982	2,346	622	1,725
Reserved for Educational Reform	271	0	271	0	271
Local Delinquency Prevention Program	(5,668)	5,668	0	0	0
Mentorship Grant	1,123	0	1,123	0	1,123
Law Enforcement Trust	91,690	2,047	93,737	13,104	80,632
State Aid to Public Libraries	116,675	22,181	138,856	11,996	126,860
Health Protection Grant	783	0	783	783	0
D.A.R.E. Grant	1,337	0	1,337	1,337	0
Teen Dating	475	0	475	475	0
Community Policing	22,005	46,313	68,318	30,561	37,757
Mass Releaf Tree Grant	4,589	8,094	12,683	3,700	8,983
Fire Department Hazmat Grant (430)	4,189	5,102	9,291	9,720	
Mass. Incentive Recycling Program	4,926	14,773	19,699	4,118	15,581
Police Bullet Proof Vests	0	8,806	8,806	4,271	4,535
Transportation for the Elderly	201	25,093	25,294	24,638	657

State Grants	Balance 7/1/02	Received FY 03	Total Available	Expended FY 03	Balance 6/30/03
Energy Grant	26,143	0	26,143	26,143	0
Watch Your Car Grant	675	0	675	0	675
PALMS Grant	224	0	224	224	(0)
Weights & Measures-Purchase Equipment	229	0	229	0	229
Future Educator's Club	20	0	20	0	20
School MCAS Grant	3,706	0	3,706	3,260	446
Academic Support Grant	2,800	48,000	50,800	40,351	10,449
Franklin Street Fire Alarm Grant	2,905	13,204	16,109	3,883	12,226
Tomorrow's Teachers Club	535	0	535	535	(0)
School "Pothole " Grant	39,198	0	39,198	0	39,198
Police Safety Equipment	0	30,500	30,500	21,202	9,298
Firefighter's Safety Equipment	0	31,000	31,000	30,464	537
Elementary Schoolwide Literacy Program	0	18,750	18,750	12,306	6,444
DEQE Waterwaste Systems	94,166	0	94,166	4,432	89,734
Arts & Lottery Grant	13,936	4,056	17,993	11,479	6,514
CH 811 Highway Improvements	10,060	0	10,060	0	10,060
Street Improvement Grant	7,746	0	7,746	0	7,746
CH 235 of the Acts of 1999	0	0	0	26,379	(26,379)
CH 53B & CH 150 of the Acts of 2000	(8,281)	102,828	94,547	220,332	(125,785)
Total State Grants	437,022	388,396	825,418	506,313	319,105
Total Federal & State Grants	578,950	1,697,183	2,276,133	1,655,199	620,933

Town of Stoneham
Schedule of Other Special Revenue
As of June 30, 2003

Revolving Funds	Balance 7/1/02	Received FY 03	Total Available	Expended FY 03	Balance 6/30/03
School Lunch Program	33,821	675,700	709,521	654,500	55,021
Athletic Fund	26,334	102,656	128,990	76,144	52,845
Adult Evening School	(223)	3,185	2,962	2,829	133
Summer School Program	12,232	2,804	15,036	500	14,536
Youth Commission	43,522	81,380	124,902	87,849	37,053
Insurance Reimbursement Under $20,000.	17,634	5,893	23,527	7,778	15,749
Senior Citizen Outings	6,465	15,245	21,710	17,025	4,685
Tuition Reimbursement for Out of Town Children	76,333	28,961	105,294	96,929	8,365
Rental of School Buildings	20,118	191,279	211,397	179,658	31,739
Composting Bins	1,933	922	2,855	1,366	1,489
ADA Parking Fines	10,576	1,050	11,626	0	11,626
Rental of Tax Possession Property	6,250	0	6,250	0	6,250
Rental of Senior Center	1,094	900	1,994	297	1,697
Public Health Fund	4,238	11,615	15,853	2,932	12,921
Wetland Protection Fees	404	2,309	2,713	1,520	1,193
School Bus Transportation	27,876	60,133	88,009	74,283	13,726
Rental of Town Property	53	0	53	53	(0)
E-Rate Discount	84	0	84	0	84
Pre School Program	3,897	152,716	156,613	178,977	(22,364)
School Age/After School Child Care	44,218	96,343	140,561	117,660	22,901
Arena Pro Shop/Vending Machines	42,062	49,790	91,852	91,853	(0)
H. S Extension	5,421	0	5,421	0	5,421
Total Revolving Funds	**384,342**	**1,482,880**	**1,867,222**	**1,592,152**	**275,070**

Receipts Reserved for Appropriations	Balance 7/1/02	Received FY 03	Total Available	Expended FY 03	Balance 6/30/03
Sale of Foreclosed Property	85,554	0	85,554	0	85,554
Sale of Cemetery Lots	64,250	36,654	100,904	40,000	60,904
Total Receipts Reserved for Appropriations	**149,804**	**36,654**	**186,458**	**40,000**	**146,458**
Individual Gifts & Donations					
Board of Selectmen - Von Dreathen	1,306	0	1,306	0	1,306
Board of Selectmen - Stockwell Fund	127	0	127	0	127
Police Donations	370	0	370	0	370
Fire - NE Memorial Hospital (Super Pass)	785	0	785	0	785
Library Donations	3,538	392	3,930	26	3,904
Senior Citizens - Christmas Party	1,526	1,808	3,334	905	2,429
Stoneham Square Parking Study	0	13,028	13,028	13,018	10
Conservation Commission Donation	25	0	25	0	25
Whip Hill Trust	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
Whip Hill Upkeep	6,685	0	6,685	5,861	824
Board of Health - Donation Stockwell Fund	79	0	79	0	79
Stoneham High School Music Club	526	0	526	0	526
Stoneham Middle School Music Club	1,380	0	1,380	0	1,380
School Gifts & Donations	2,496	0	2,496	680	1,816
The Mugar Group	2,543	0	2,543	0	2,543
Town Common Donations	9,963	6,212	16,175	9,057	7,118
D.A.R.E. Program Donations	9,572	1,350	10,922	1,295	9,627
A T & T License Renewal--Capital	0.	500,000	500,000	477,529	22,471
A T & T License Renewal--Operating	0	143,394	143,394	143,273	122
A T & T Broadband--Return line	0	30,000	30,000	0	30,000
Science Program Donations	0	100	100	96	4

Individual Gifts & Donations	Balance 7/1/02	Received FY 03	Total Available	Expended FY 03	Balance 6/30/03
Board of Selectmen-- General Donations	0	1,225	1,225	0	1,225
Stoneham Cultural Council	95	0	95	95	0
BRMC Donation-Exercise Instructor	427	0	427	0	427
Public Safety Donation (BJ's)	99	20,000	20,099	0	20,099
BJ's Site Plan (Traffic Lights)	26,000	0	26,000	0	26,000
Optical Receiver/Landscaping Donations	2,551	0	2,551	0	2,551
Civic Improvement Donation	5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000
Basketball Court Donations	181	0	181	0	181
Community Policing Donations	897	0	897	0	897
Tree Service Donations	6,050	250	6,300	0	6,300
Redstone Donation-Traffic Island	1,500	1,500	3,000	3,000	0
Park & Street Donations	4,248	1,900	6,148	1,500	4,648
AT & T Broadband/Media One Grant	43,406	0	43,406	43,406	(0)
Homework Club Donations	0	8,500	8,500	8,813	(313)
Athletic Hall of Fame Donations	840	0	840	250	590
Coca Cola Scoreboard	11,216	0	11,216	0	11,216
High School Field Restoration	84,602	0	84,602	6,930	77,672
Highland Village Townhomes	0	5,000	5,000	3,150	1,850
RCN Grant	42,071	73,000	115,071	25,981	89,090
Memorial Day Parade Donations	200	0	200	0	200
Stoneham Millenium Parade Donations	5,854	0	5,854	3,208	2,646
Ralph J. Arsenault Memorial Award	0	300	300	200	100
Total Gifts & Donations	**276,158**	**817,959**	**1,094,117**	**758,272**	**335,845**

Town of Stoneham
Schedule of Capital Projects
As of June 30, 2003

Capital Projects	Balance 7/1/02	Received FY 03	Total Available	Expended FY 03	Balance 6/30/03
Repair Municipal Buildings	8,710	0	8,710	8,710	0
DPW Garage	2,757	0	2,757	2,757	0
Improve Town's Drainage	910,863	0	910,863	728,906	181,957
MWRA Water Rehabilitation Projects	582	0	582	0	582
Install Traffic Lights	814	0	814	814	0
Repair School Property	7,007	0	7,007	0	7,007
Renovate/Construct Schools	9,756,982	10,800,000	20,556,982	16,359,516	4,197,466
Renovate Police Station	60,730	0	60,730	12,590	48,140
Repair DPW Roof	0	191,000	191,000	191,000	0
Construct Recreational Facilities	6,594	0	6,594	6,594	0
Construct Sidewalks	60,183	0	60,183	60,183	0
Replace East School Boiler	0	22,000	22,000	19,450	2,550
Repair East School Roof	0	32,000	32,000	0	32,000
Drainage at 148 Franklin Street	0	8,000	8,000	0	8,000
Drainage at 41 Elm Street	0	25,000	25,000	0	25,000
Purchase Street Lights	550	0	550	550	0
School Technology Improvements	391	0	391	0	391
Purchase School Textbooks	885	0	885	0	885
Total Capital Projects	**10,817,048**	**11,078,000**	**21,895,048**	**17,391,070**	**4,503,978**

Town of Stoneham
Schedule of Expendable & Non-Expendable Trusts
As of June 30, 2003

Expendable Trust Funds	Balance 7/1/02	Received FY 03	Total Available	Expended FY 03	Balance 6/30/03
Thomas Henry Jones Scholarship	625	43	668	0	668
Cemetery Perpetual Care-Income	260,122	17,100	277,222	28,000	249,222
Cemetery Perpetual Care Flower-Income	17,315	523	17,838	730	17,108
Matilda M. Dale Cemetery Fund	485	8	493	0	493
Mary Anna Hill Library	36,325	590	36,915	0	36,915
George W.L. Dike Library	9,252	150	9,402	0	9,402
E.J. & A.J. Tredrick, Jr., Library	13,397	218	13,615	0	13,615
Richardson Library	240	4	244	0	244
Annie B. Trowbridge Library	23,530	382	23,912	0	23,912
Peyton Library Fund	18,976	308	19,284	0	19,284
Ruth I. Best Library	5,374	87	5,461	0	5,461
Miriam M. Marsh Library	43,111	700	43,811	0	43,811
E.B. Davis Library	5,368	87	5,455	0	5,455
James A. MacDonald Medal	6,728	109	6,837	0	6,837
Annie B. Trowbridge Scholarship	6,241	101	6,342	250	6,092
T.R. & W.H. Qualters Scholarship	38,289	1,827	40,116	12,872	27,244
Ruth I. Best Scholarship	21,722	353	22,075	500	21,575
James Alden Stockwell Shade Tree	14,154	230	14,384	0	14,384
Sidney A. Hill Welfare Fund	36,756	645	37,401	500	36,901
Town Hall Organ Fund	144	17	161	0	161
Alice J. Durgin Welfare Fund	23,930	405	24,335	2,574	21,761
Stoneham War Memorial	4,404	75	4,479	195	4,284

Expendable Trust Funds	Balance 7/1/02	Received FY 03	Total Available	Expended FY 03	Balance 6/30/03
Town Scholarship Fund	4,268	199	4,467	0	4,467
Town Education Fund	2,562	197	2,759	0	2,759
Annie B. Brown Library	60,362	980	61,342	0	61,342
Henry Walcott Stockwell Trust Fund (COA)	1,048	10,017	11,065	8,280	2,785
Stockwell Nurse Fund	29,391	477	29,868	0	29,868
Stabilization Fund	1,893,670	30,743	1,924,413	600,000	1,324,413
Conservation - Ford Foundation Fund	1,536	25	1,561	0	1,561
Henry Walcott Stockwell Trust Fund (BOS)	0	3,547	3,547	0	3,547
Apalakis Library Trust-Stoneham History	103,743	1,684	105,427	0	105,427
Italian Development Trust	1,730	34,639	36,369	35,000	1,369
Robert O'Keefe Trust Fund	2,530	386	2,916	0	2,916
Health Trust Fund	3,424	56	3,480	0	3,480
Total Expendable Trust Funds	**2,690,752**	**106,910**	**2,797,662**	**688,900**	**2,108,763**
Non-Expendable Trust Funds					
Cemetery Perpetual Care-Principal	795,433	15,250	810,683	0	810,683
Cemetery Perpetual Care Flower - Principal	14,910	0	14,910	0	14,910
Thomas Henry Jones Scholarship	2,000	0	2,000	0	2,000
Alice J. Durgin Welfare Fund	3,000	0	3,000	0	3,000
Sidney A. Hill Welfare Fund	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000
Total Non-Expendable Trust Funds	**816,343**	**15,250**	**831,593**	**0**	**831,593**
Total Trust Funds	**3,507,095**	**122,160**	**3,629,255**	**688,900**	**2,940,356**

Town of Stoneham
Schedule of Agency Funds
As of June 30, 2003

Agency Funds	Balance 7/1/02	Received FY'03	Total Available	Expended FY'03	Balance 6/30/03
High School Activity Account	81,860	115,418	197,278	148,484	48,794
Middle School Activity Account	1,110	71,536	72,646	76,534	(3,888)
Robin Hood School Activity Account	5,779	(5)	5,774	0	5,774
Total Agency Funds	**88,749**	**186,949**	**275,698**	**225,019**	**50,680**

Town of Stoneham
DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE
As of September 22, 2003

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011-2023	Total
Golf Course(Par 3)-Construction	77,263	74,600	71,875	69,100	66,275	63,400	60,475	163,500	646,488
Senior Center Renovation	120,783	116,994	113,204	109,415	104,125	100,450	96,775	500,763	1,262,508
Pro Shop/Golf Course	34,542	33,032	31,521	30,011	129,105				
Stoneham Arena	42,420	40,565	38,710	36,855	158,550				
Fire Truck	63,745	60,830	57,915	182,490					
Town Common	104,145	96,286	93,541	90,797	88,052	80,416	77,909	583,810	1,214,955
Police Station	391,387	380,826	370,271	359,716	349,161	338,615	328,060	2,458,309	4,976,345
Town Drainage	84,163	83,163	82,163	81,163	80,038	78,663	76,413	766,850	1,332,613
Street Lights	29,688	29,188	28,688	28,188	27,625	26,938	25,813	196,125	
School Textbooks	52,880	48,880	47,940	149,700					
School Technology	37,020	34,320	33,660	105,000					
Replace DPW Roof	17,911	17,133	16,923	16,698	16,404	16,084	15,738	150,141	267,032
Drainage at Elm/Franklin	3,519	2,951	2,921	2,886	2,835	2,779	2,718	24,950	45,558
East School Roof/Boiler	5,161	4,906	4,846	4,776	4,690	4,598	4,497	41,282	74,756
Amount Funded by General Fund	1,064,625	1,023,673	994,178	829,603	739,204	711,941	688,398	4,689,604	10,741,224
School Renovation Projects (South School)	908,125	888,125	868,125	848,125	826,875	805,625	784,375	7,106,750	13,036,125
School Renovation Projects (Central School)	1,184,625	1,158,625	1,132,625	1,106,625	1,075,750	1,044,875	1,014,000	9,251,125	16,968,250
School Renov. Proj. (Robinhood)	1,009,950	997,950	985,950	973,950	960,450	943,950	916,950	9,202,200	15,991,350
School Renov. Proj. (Colonial)	879,309	943,110	932,310	920,430	904,905	888,030	869,805	9,237,240	15,575,139
Interest on BANs-Schools	31,897	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31,897
Subtotal	4,013,906	3,987,810	3,919,010	3,849,130	3,767,980	3,682,480	3,585,130	34,797,315	61,602,761
less: SBA Reimbursement	(1,885,014)	(1,885,014)	(1,885,014)	(1,885,014)	(1,885,014)	(1,885,014)	(1,885,014)	(22,287,782)	(35,482,880)
Amount Funded by Debt Exclusion	2,128,892	2,102,796	2,033,996	1,964,116	1,882,966	1,797,466	1,700,116	12,509,533	26,119,881

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011-2023	Total
MWRA Sewer Rehab. Project	52,679	52,679	52,679	52,679	52,679	263,395			
MWRA Sewer Rehab. Project	48,587	48,587							
Amount Funded by Sewer Rates	101,266	52,679	52,679	52,679	52,679	0	0	0	311,982
MWRA Water Rehab. Project	0								
MWRA Water Rehab. Project	18,970	18,970							
Amount Funded by Water Rates	18,970	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18,970
	5,198,767	5,064,162	4,965,867	4,731,412	4,559,863	4,394,421	4,273,528	39,486,919	72,674,937

ANNUAL REPORT
BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The members of the Board of Assessors are:

William Jordan	Chairman
Craig Celli	Secretary
Richard D. Mangerian	Member

The members of the office staff are:

Elaine E. Moore	Director of Assessing
Diane F. Lawrence	Admin. Assessing Assistant
Michelle Meagher	Assessing Clerk
John Doyle	Consultant

Craig Celli was re-elected to the Board of Assessors in April. Mr. Celli is a longtime member of the Board of Assessors and is a lifelong resident of Stoneham. He has availed himself of assessing courses given by the Dept. of Revenue and the Assessors Association and is knowledgeable.

The revaluation done for FY2003 was completed and the values were used for the tax bills sent out. In calendar year 2003 the third and fourth quarter bills had the new valuations on them. Applications for overvaluations were received during January 2003 and were reviewed by the Board members. Also all of the statutory exemptions were discussed, reviewed and approved by the members of the Board. There are approximately 600 applications that must be reviewed. The amounts deducted from tax bills for those people who qualify for the exemptions are taken off the 3rd and 4th quarter bills.

Because of problems with the Southern Middlesex Registry of Deeds, the monthly deeds received from the Registry were delayed up to twelve months. This caused considerable problems within the Assessors offices in the area as proper ownership is necessary information for the Assessors and the sales prices are used for updates and revaluations. Although the deeds are coming in better, there is still considerable delay in receiving deeds on registered land.

The FY2004 tax rate was set in late November 2003. After a public hearing with the Board of Selectmen at which time the Assessors provided the Selectmen with the necessary information for them to decide if there should be a dual tax rate and what the percentage should be. At the public hearing the Selectmen decided to continue with the dual tax rate, and the percentage was kept at 135%. The fiscal year tax rates are $12.16 for residential and $17.32 for commercial/industrial/personal property. The total valuation of the town for FY2004 is $2,420,339,400.

It is impossible to do all the work that must be done by the Assessing Department without the cooperation of all the other departments in the town. We wish to express our appreciation for all the assistance to us each year.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The mission of the Stoneham Office of Community Development is to work with local, state, and national government officials and agencies, organizations (both public and private), private businesses, developers, investors, community groups and professionals to retain, expand and attract opportunities for Stoneham and its residents, and to promote the highest quality of development through the coordination of land use matters, and sound planning practices, all through a proactive approach and team effort.

The Office of Community Development includes the support staff for the Planning Board, Board of Appeals ands Conservation Commission. During the year Catherine Dello Russo, Planning Board / Board of Appeals Secretary left the position.

The Office has been working to bring together two major planning documents, the Community Master Plan and the Community Plan (as mandated by EO418). The **Stoneham *Imagine*** Master Plan was nearing completion as the year came to a close. The efforts of many volunteers have resulted in a document that will serve as a "roadmap" for the decision makers and community leaders as the Town looks to the future. The Plan will evidence the community direction and commitment which in turn makes Stoneham more competitive and will strengthen the Town's ability to secure funding from the state and private sources for projects, programs and initiatives. The Community Master Plan has been crafted on a parallel track and to the Community Plan and is built around eight core elements, cultural, education, preservation, open space & recreation, development, public safety, infrastructure and governance.

The Community Plan is a four element plan that has been mandated by the State through Executive Order 418. The Plan will present the Town's intended direction as it pertains to hosing, economic development, transportation, and open space & preservation. An outside consultant, RKG Associates was retained to complete the housing element of the Plan. The other elements will be done in-house using the expertise of the professional staff and volunteers. A planning grant made available through the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) paid the cost of the consultant.

The Office of Community Development serves as the lead for the Project Review Team, which was established to streamline and improve the process for review of commercial and large-scale residential projects. The Project Review Team has been active in the consideration of a number of local projects including, Saint Patrick's Church, Dunkin Donuts, Papa Gino's, Hillside Apartments, Baja Fresh (restaurant) and a variety of other projects that will add to the new growth of the community.

The Office of Community Development worked with a number of other Town departments in an effort to secure outside funding. Notable among these was the development of an application for funding under the Homeland Security programs. Although unfunded the application process gave us an opportunity to bring together ten communities in an effort that resulted in a better understanding of what the future of regional emergency operations and management will need to succeed.

The OCD Coordinator served as the Town's representative on the MAPC MetroFuture Regional Master Planning Team, the 95/93 Interchange Task Force and the MBTA Advisory Committee.

The Office of Community Development staff thanks the elected officials, the Town Administrator, other Town Department personnel, volunteers, the public, State and Federal organizations, regional planning groups, the Stoneham Chamber of Commerce, The Stoneham Business Roundtable, and all those that have made the past year successful.

STONEHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Members for the year 2003 included Chairman Scott Peterson, Vice-Chairman David Obersauser, members Robert Conway, Kevin Gregory, (replaced by Rosemary Haloon). Blake Allison, Matthew Whooley, and Associate Member Dan Towse. Members are volunteers appointed by the Selectmen for three-year terms. Staff to the Commission includes Office Assistant, Carole Carmichael, and James Previte, Manager of Whip Hill Park and Conservation Commission inspector and Tree Warden for the Town. The Commission has retained the services of Mr. Bernard Raftery, an Environmental Specialist Consultant, to assist with the many technical issues that arise throughout the year.

The Mission of the Stoneham Conservation Commission is to protect wetlands under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, and other resources in the Town of Stoneham through acquisition, management, education, and regulations(s); to act as a liaison between the public and other governmental agencies in protecting our natural resources and to become an environmental/educational resource for citizens, groups, organizations, as well as local, State, and Federal agencies.

Landowners who will be involved in construction type of activities in or around a wetland, or suspected wetlands, must have their plans reviewed by the Stoneham Conservation Commission.

During the 2003 calendar year the Stoneham Conservation Commission held 14 meetings during which 5 public hearings were conducted. The following actions occurred as a result of the hearings:

Site Visits	33
Order of Conditions issued/amended	3
Certificate of Compliance issued	5
Enforcement Orders issued	1
Determination of Applicability issued	3
Order of Resource Area Delineations issued	0
Extensions on Order of Conditions	6

The Commission also oversees, in partnership with the Whip Hill Trust and the Town of Stoneham, the management of Whip Hill Park. The park is open year round to the public for picnicking, nature walks, and ice-skating on the pond. Whip Hill Manor accommodates Conservation Commission meetings and civic group functions, which promote conservation related activities and projects throughout the year, such as Garden Club meetings, scouting events and visits by school groups.

The Commission presently has a number of positions available and encourages civic-minded residents to join the Commission in this important work.

The Commission would like to extend our thanks to Kevin Gregory for his many years of service on the Conservation Commission and also to Scott Peterson who will be taking a sabbatical during part of 2004. The Commission would also like to thank all the citizens and town officials, especially Town Counsel William Solomon, Community Planner Michael Gallerani, and the Board of Health Department for their continued support throughout the year. The Commission looks forward to serving the Town of Stoneham in the upcoming year.

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging continues to project increased attendance at the Senior Center, future collaborations with community groups, and the exploration of additional grant and revenue-generating opportunities. We continue to offer the seniors in our community the best in services and wish to thank all the community leaders, families, friends, members and staff of the Senior Center for their continued support and dedication to our mission.

The Council on Aging is committed to providing outstanding services to seniors by welcoming all to the Stoneham Senior Center, treating people with kindness, respect and dignity, offering supportive services for social, nutritional and medical

needs, and providing outreach to seniors in the community. The Board of Directors and the staff of the Senior Center make every attempt to adhere to this mission.

Our classes and activities continue to expand in addition to our on-going programs such as stained glass, quilting, piano lessons, yoga, tai-Chi, fitness, stress management, knitting, weight-lifting, line dancing, ballroom dancing, country-western dancing, oil painting, watercolor, bridge, cribbage, computer classes, arts and crafts, book club, and senior chorus. This past year has, once again, brought many new programs and new participants.

We continue to show a marked increase in the need for rides for medical appointments. The number of rides provided to doctors, hospital, rehabs, and treatment centers has remained steady over the past year. Priorities are given to those clients needing dialysis, chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Due to local hospital closings, we have also expanded the geographical area covered by our van transportation. Food shopping trips are offered twice a week to residents as well as daily pick-ups for lunch and activities at the center. Transportation to the Dutton Center, an adult day health program, is also offered to Stoneham residents.

The Senior Center continues to work closely with the public health nurses offering monthly blood pressure clinics, diabetes screenings, cholesterol screenings and educational forums. Other health programs include monthly podiatry services and on-going lectures. We are working with local hospitals to bring additional health programs as well as an annual health fair to the senior center.

The Senior Center initiated an outreach program for Stoneham seniors. Through the generosity of the Stockwell Fund, we have been able to hire an outreach worker to make home visits to homebound elders to assess their needs such as homecare services, visiting nurses, transportation needs, and other requests. Our outreach worker will also educate these seniors on the resources available to them in our community. This program continues to fulfill our mission statement by addressing those seniors who are unable to attend the senior center's daily activities.

The Senior Center relies heavily on the support of a strong volunteer corps. We currently have volunteers assisting with telephones, receptionist duties, lunch assistance, newsletter mailings, teaching and fundraising for the center. The Friends of the Senior Center are the fund-raising component of our program. The Friends run a small used clothing shop "The Nook" at the center five days a week to raise monies for special programs or needs of the Senior Center.

We have participated in several intergenerational programs and have collaborated with a local preschool program, scout troops, and Stoneham High School to bring a variety of events to the seniors. Holidays throughout the year are festive offering a myriad of activities from cookouts to luncheons to dance parties.

Jane Lavender, Director

STONEHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Stoneham Cultural Council is a Town Committee whose function is to oversee the process of disbursement of funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to our community. These funds are appropriated on a per capita basis. For 2003, the town of Stoneham was awarded $3,910. This allocation was added to $490 of previously unspent funds for a total amount of $4,400 awarded for 2003. At the Grant Review Meeting in October, 2002 the committee reviewed 40 applications requesting $122,925.

The following grants were awarded:

APPLICANT	PROJECT
Boys & Girls Club of Stoneham	Stoneham Youth Empowerment Mural
Central Elementary School	Tickets to The Science Discovery Museum
EMARC's Center for Emerging Artists	Art in Action
Kidstock Creative Theater	Jingle the Jester
Robin Hood Elementary School	Author Visit with Martha Day Zschock
Saint James United Methodist Church	Theatre To Go
Saint Patrick's School	The Bellowphone Show
Stoneham Chamber of Commerce	Summer Concert Series
StonehAm cReaTeS	The Arts Around You

Over the past year the committee also took two Community Input Surveys in order to ascertain where the citizens of Stoneham would like to see their grant monies spent. One survey was done at the first Summer Concert on the Common and the second was done at our booth on Town Day.

The 2003-2004 members of the Cultural Council are: John Antonelli, Jane DiGangi, Susan Doucette, Lori Gordon-Sack, Carol Kopek, Marcia Wengen, and Elizabeth Whelan. Thanks for all the hard work also goes to Kathleen Bray and Annamaria Smith whose terms on the Council expired this fall and to Erin Francis who returned to grad school this fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Kopek
Chairperson

STONEHAM FIRE/RESCUE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT:

To Protect Life, Property and the Environment
To Maintain the Public Trust and Prevent Harm in our Community

This calendar year, 2003 The Town of Stoneham, continues to evaluate our priorities and emergency planning and response, in order to protect our citizens, because, our first line of defense is, and always has been our public safety personnel. Stoneham Fire/Rescue is called whenever someone needs assistance. Whenever a person is in doubt of who to call, they call us.

Our basic priorities is to operate efficiently, effectively and safely in the following areas:

1. Emergency Operations
2. Fire Prevention and Public Education Programs
3. Continuous professional development and training

Our firefighters are a team of professionals. When our firefighters respond to any emergency, they respond as a team. Each team member must execute multiple tasks efficiently in order to be successful. A failure to execute our tasks may result in injuries and even unnecessary death(s). In order to properly execute our assigned tasks we must be given the proper level of personnel. We can only perform our duties effectively if we are provided the needed personnel and resources. Unfortunately, we have not been able to perform efficiently on far too many days, throughout the years, due to severe budget restraints, which has resulted in inadequate staffing levels.

The "rescue of the year" occurred during a July 31 house fire. Three of our firefighters were honored for the rescue at the August 27, 2003, Board of Selectmen's meeting. Fire Capt. Ed Regan and Firefighters Paul McIntyre and Guy Cammarata were given commendations in recognition of their "heroic and selfless" work in rescuing the owner from his burning Citation Avenue home. The home was destroyed on July 31 when a gas grill, located on the second-floor deck, leaked and flashed, causing a fire that caught on the roof and then the entire house. The owner ran back into the house to get his wife, mother-in-law and two cats out of the burning home. The women escaped, but the owner was overcome in the bedroom.

The Fire Department's Engine 5 and Ladder 1 companies responded to the fire, since Engine 1 had been called out to a false fire alarm minutes before. Captain Regan made a command decision to forego what we would normally do [which is] stretch a hose line to protect the rescuers'. That decision was critical in my view, not only did it help in saving that person's life, but it was courageous because of the possibility that the unprotected firefighter could be hurt.

Firefighter Cameraman entered the house, without the charged hose line, and found the victim, overcome by the thick smoke, in the bedroom. He lifted the man up, held him out the open window and into the waiting arms of Firefighter McIntyre and Captain Regan who carried the victim down a ladder to safety. The Action Ambulance crew then treated him for his injuries and transported the victim to the hospital. I would like to emphasize that every day our Firefighters face risks. These professional people that Stoneham has working, do this on a regular basis and I hope that the people in community appreciate the service they provide, as I do.

Thank goodness for the Mutual Aid System. We knew we wouldn't have people available for callback and we knew it was hot, so we tried to anticipate the best we could, but we couldn't anticipate the multiple calls. While firefighters battled the blaze on Citation Avenue, a Reading engine company responded to the Metropolitan District Commission pool on North Border Road from the Central Street fire station for a possible drowning. Firefighters found a young boy who had swallowed a lot of water with his mother at the pool and resolved the situation quickly.

Many times this year the Department has been unable to send Mutual Aid to other communities, due to being short staffed. This is a serious cause for concern as the Mutual Aid System relies on a reciprocal agreement among surrounding communities, that is, in order to receive aid, each community must be able to give aid to other communities.

There have been and continue to be serious concerns regarding this Department's ability to operate efficiently and effectively due to our being short-staffed. The Department staffing has been impacted by military activations as well as long–term injury-on-duty & sicknesses. Four of our personnel have been activated for military duty. They are: Michael Labriola , Justin Petrillo, James McLaughlin Jr. and Sean Fitzgerald. The Town is justifiably proud of their contributions to our country and has demonstrated that pride in augmenting the salaries of these men, while they serve. Many thanks to the Board of Selectmen in providing the mechanism to give our military personnel this benefit._

The military activation impact on the FY04 budget is over 6720 hours. The department has also experienced an inordinate number of long-term injury-on-duty. The impact for these long-term injury-on-duty on the FY04 budget is 6840 hours. Along with the aforementioned military activation absences, there is a total of 13,632 hours that have and will impact the FY 04 budget.

We have fallen short in funding this need and it has forced the department to take an Engine Company out of service for over 100 days and nights, during 2003. This is not an optimal solution due to the liability this places the Town of Stoneham, not to mention the deceased level of efficiency, effectiveness and safety of our firefighters, and the community.

The Department regrettably lost a member of our firefighting family Retired Firefighter Joe Lalley passed in away February 13, 2003. Joe served the Stoneham Fire Department for over 20 years, from November 4, 1976 through July 19, 1996. Our condolences go out to Joe's family, as he will be sorely missed.

We once again have seen many new businesses and renovations in Town, which has required much oversight of our fire prevention office to assure that the needed fire protection systems have been engineered and installed. It is imperative that these functions continue in the future to assure that buildings are kept fire-safe. We have been successful in securing over $87,000 in grants for equipment, training, and public fire education programs, as well as over $22,000 for Emergency Management. Many thanks go to Captain Jim McLaughlin for all his work in researching and acquiring these grants.

Training goals, continue to be an area of great importance. With our ever-vigilant eye on safety for our firefighters we are constantly training on new equipment and techniques to keep our firefighters and the Community safe. We are also cognizant of the new realities of the terror threat that has stifled our country and have been training in this ever-evolving area. Unfortunately, needed outside agency training has been dramatically cut due to budget constraints.

Calendar year 2003 marked a busy year with over 3000 emergency responses. An area in which we once again continue to be lacking has been in the area of initial response to emergency calls. National Standards and an official report from the Insurance Services Office as well as the MMA Consulting Group's Study have required an increase in our initial response to fires with a minimum of eight personnel. To accomplish this, a conscious effort must be made by the leaders of this Community to properly fund and staff this Department. Many times this year we have had to take an engine company out of service due to budget shortfalls. I have consistently advocated the creation of new positions or additional funds for overtime costs in order for our personnel to be able to do our job efficiently, effectively and safely. This will also provide a basic level of expectation that our firefighters will be able to go home to their families and loved ones at the end of their tour of duty, which most Americans already enjoy, as a basic expectation.

In closing, I would like to thank Deputy Fire Chief James Halpin for his diligence and professionalism in assisting me in the operations of the department, as well as the Officers & Firefighters of Stoneham Fire/Rescue for all their help this past year. Many thanks also go to Town Administrator David Berry and his staff, the Board of Selectmen and Finance & Advisory Board for their support.

Sincerely

Lawrence S. Lamey
Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director

FIRE INVESTIGATION UNIT
ANNUAL REPORT

The Fire Investigation Unit of the Stoneham Fire Department consists of members of the Fire Department and the Stoneham Police Department. The FIU is responsible for the investigation of fires and explosions occurring within the Town. Members of the FIU are Deputy Fire Chief James Halpin, CFEI, Fire Lieutenant Frank Gould, Firefighter Michael O'Sullivan, and Police Sergeant James McIntyre.

In June of 2003 Stoneham Police Lieutenant Charles Haney retired. Lt. Haney served on the Town's Fire Investigation Unit for decades. His experience and knowledge will truly be missed.

Members of the Unit attend monthly meetings and seminars as part of their on-going training. The FIU works closely with the State Fire Marshal's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Middlesex District Attorney's Office.

The FIU responded to and investigated four fires in 2003. All four fires were determined to be accidental in nature.

Respectfully submitted,

Firefighter Michael J. O'Sullivan
Fire Investigation Unit

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
FIRE PREVENTION OFFICE FOR 2003

Our S.A.F.E. (Student Awareness in Fire Education) program continues to be our priority within the Fire Prevention. This is our program where we go into the elementary school and teach fire safety education to our students. Funding for this program, in the past, came from a grant thru the Department of Fire Services. We usually get around $4700 a year to support our efforts. Due to the fiscal crisis in the State in FY 03, this program was the first to get the axe. They did however restore the program with a grant from the federal government, but only partially. The Town of Stoneham received only $1305 so far. The resulting cut back across the state resulted in 40% of all students not receiving this important program. The Stoneham Fire/Rescue Department however was able to continue this program in

our schools thanks to donations from the Town day raffle, the Stoneham Chamber of Commerce and the Stoneham Business and Education Foundation. Next year the program is in serious jeopardy because of lack of funding. The fire prevention office continues to be extremely active in the areas of code enforcement, permit tracking and renewal, and plan reviews and inspectional services.

In 2003, this office made 421 smoke detector inspections. As required by State Law, each dwelling is required to have smoke detector on each level of the home. The Fire Prevention Office is notified upon every purchase or refinance of a home and a Certificate of Compliance is issued after an inspection of the home.

Oil Burners are another area that is part of Fire Prevention's inspections. This past year 20 oil burners and tanks were inspected for safety devices that are required by the Fire Code. Each installation requires the installer to be licensed, permits must be taken out for the work to be done, and an inspection done on the appliance before we issue the permit to store oil in the dwelling.

This past years the Fire Prevention Office saw 25 new propane permits issued. These tanks and appliances require an inspection and must be installed as per NFPA standards.

There were 12 Sprinkler permits issued. This permit is required whenever there is work done to an existing sprinkler system or for the installation of a new sprinkler system. Contractor doing this work must be licensed by the State prior to any work being done at that system

Quarterly inspections are done on all nursing homes and clinics in the Town of Stoneham that are licensed by the Department of Health. The Fire Prevention personnel also do plan reviews. Each new residential or commercial property that gets built must have their plans reviewed and proper documents submitted for review prior to being built. This can be a simple task as far a new or existing home, or a complicated task such when a four or five story building is concerned. The Fire Prevention Office is kept quite busy with plans, questions, meetings, inspections, and occupancy inspections of these buildings.

The Fire Department personnel perform annual inspections of all businesses in the spring of each year. These inspections are done to assure that no code violations exist in the business and are done to familiarize fire personnel with the ever-changing business in town.

The following are the statistics for the year 2000 for the Stoneham Fire/Rescue Department.

Fire Prevention

Smoke detector permits	421
Oil burner permits	20
Sprinkler permits	12
Propane permits	25
Fire Alarm systems	59
Tank removals	61

Fire Suppression

Structure fires	44
Motor vehicle fires	17
Motor vehicle accidents	505
Ice/water rescues	2
Carbon monoxide calls	12
Medical aids	1635
Service calls	319
System activations	486
Haz-mat incidents	67
Total runs for 2003	**3,087**

Responses per piece of apparatus

Eng 1	2,391
Eng. 4	80
Eng. 5	467
Ladder 1	635
Total responses for 2003	**3,573**

Respectfully submitted

Captain Jim McLaughlin

STONEHAM AUXILIARY FIRE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT 2003

Members

Auxiliary Officers
Auxiliary Chief Rick Hastings
Auxiliary Captain Dave Eastman (military leave)
Auxiliary Acting Lieutenant Jim Belschner

Auxiliary Firefighters
Michelle Konency
Joe Incatasciato
Jim Doherty
Shara Hastings
Elaina Masse

Explorer Members
John Martin
Ryan Difranza

Explorer Post Advisors
Post Sponsor Aux. Chief Rick Hastings
Post Advisor Aux Capt. Dave Eastman
Capt. Jim McLaughlin Stoneham Fire Department
Firefighter John Galla Stoneham Fire Department
Firefighter Paul McIntyre Stoneham Fire Department
Firefighter Jim McLaughlin Stoneham Fire Department
Firefighter Derek Loftus Reading Fire Department

All members of the Auxiliary serve as associate advisors.

This year members put in over 3000 hrs of volunteer time, which consisted of responding to a 2nd alarm fire on Town Day as well as lighting up the Town Common for the Concerts on the Common and the Annual Christmas Tree lighting ceremony.

In July, James Belschner was promoted to acting Lieutenant to fill in for Aux. Capt. Dave Eastman who was going for basic training in the military.

The department equipment consist of the following:

Lighting 1, a 1989 Ford van type ambulance which is used for our lighting equipment

Engine 2, a 1972 Pirsch pumper that is used for training purposes and is available for use by the permanent dept. if needed.

Squad 1 a 1989 Ford utility truck, which is used as a support vehicle at incidents as well as or towing trailers.

A Air Force lighting cart which has a 3kw. Generator and a small platform that has two large flood lights mounted on it.

A 300 gal. Water Buffalo which is a water tank trailer

A flatbed trailer that contains 2) 3 kw. generators and 1) 5 kw. generator

I would like to thank, Chief L. Lamey , secretary Barbara Bouzan, the members of the Stoneham Fire Dept., the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Board as well as the dept. of Public Works.

Respectfully

Aux Chief Rick Hastings

UNICORN AND STONEHAM OAKS GOLF COURSES

The severe winter of 2003 caused 14 inches of ice accumulation on golf greens and was removed prior to opening causing little damage. We proceeded with the golf season by opening Unicorn Golf Course on March 28, 2003 and Stoneham Oaks on April 13, 2003 with various closures due to spring snow.

Carl Marchio and Ken Pratt the on site P.G.A. professionals at Unicorn and Stoneham Oaks provided lessons and golf clinics throughout the season. The golf courses were utilized for the 10th Annual Junior Golf Tournament on August 23, 2003 and Stoneham Youth Basketball tournament on July 14, 2003.

Despite the National Golf Foundations report of the worst golfing decline since 1994 caused by poor weather, our receipts remained slightly higher than the previous year due to the $1.00 increase per round implemented at the start of the 2003 golf season.

The season closed for play on December 4th, 2003 with snow accumulation of 20 inches.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Stoneham Historical Commission is a seven member board mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of three years. Its main objective is to help identify and preserve those buildings and/or areas that are historically and architecturally significant to our Town. The current members are Chairman Stephen E. Rotondi, Vice-Chairwoman Elizabeth Whalen, Treasurer Margaret O'Keefe, Secretary Marcia Wengen, Peter Bracciotti, Rosemarie McDonald and Christopher Willard.

Our twenty-sixth year in existence was a busy one. In early 2003, the Commission met with then Chairman of the Finance and Advisory Board John Warren. The meeting involved a discussion about the Community Preservation Act and whether Stoneham should consider adopting it. It was decided that due to the fiscal problems facing the Town, this should be tabled for the time being.

In the spring, the Commission met with June Lavendar, Director of the Senior Center. The Commission is working with the Friends of the Senior Center on a joint project to develop a trolley tour of the historic areas and homes of Stoneham.

The highlight of our year was in May which is National Preservation Month. As we do every year, we announced the winner of our annual heritage Award. This year's honoree was Donna Weiss. She was recognized for her commitment to historic preservation by her maintenance of Stoneham's last remaining working farm with its historic 18th century house, service to Stoneham's Historical Society and her support of Stoneham's legacy of educational excellence and school sports.

Also as part of Preservation Month, a joint project with the Stoneham Historical Society brought some of the ghosts of Stoneham's past back for a night. Dee Morris, an author on spiritualism, presented a lively talk on the Spiritualist movement in the 19th century. Many of Stoneham's prominent citizens were believers as evidence by some of their tombstones in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Town Day and October's Special Town Meeting saw the Commission's presence with our college of pictures from surrounding communities on the successful adapted re-use of fire stations. The Commission is committed to the preservation of our current fire station; whether it is building a new Emergency Operation Center at a new location and the adapted re-use of the existing building or an addition to the existing building. To this end, we heard from both Fire Chief Lawrence Lamey and Lt. Joseph Rolli and former Fire Chief Abbott.

Long time resident and former Commission member Dr. Peter Paicos, Sr. approached the Commission with a project he is interested in doing. He wants to locate, inventory and mark when possible those areas in Stoneham that are historically important, especially those located in areas controlled by the DRC, formerly the MDC, Bill Stockinger, a Cultural Recourse Specialist for the DCR met with the Commission and is very excited about the project and will give as much support as possible. Tentative start for this project is early spring 2004.

Historical Commission

STONEHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"It's your memory; it's our history; it's worth saving" is the underlying philosophy that has prevailed since the incorporation of the Stoneham Historical Society as a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization. By working together over this past year, volunteers have continued to strive to use our unique heritage to bring a stronger sense of community to our town. This was accomplished in a variety of ways.

The general public was invited to enjoy programs and exhibits at the Meeting Hall and Museum at 36 William Street on the 2nd Thursday at 7:45 PM during the months of October, November, March, April and May. Speakers included: Larry Cultrera, "Where Have All the Diners Gone?"; Tom Mayo, "History of the Dairy Dome"; Barbara Mahoney, local author of "Life in the Last Lane"; Frank Burns, "Memories of Stoneham"; Marian & Dan Towse, "Slide Presentation and History of Whip Hill". "Preservation Month" was commemorated again jointly with the Historical Commission. Guest speaker, Dee Morris, captivated the audience with her animated overview and slide presentation documenting the Spiritualism movement in Stoneham in the 1870's believing that the living and the dead could communicate. Once again, "Research Your Home" Days drew the biggest crowd. This is an event begun in 1991 whereby on two Saturdays in February, members and non-members spent time discovering more about the background of their homes. They had full use of all the resources in the collection — old street lists, maps, photographs, evaluation reports and census lists. Volunteers who "know the ropes" were on hand to help the enthusiastic newcomers begin their quests.

Another rewarding endeavor was the ongoing collaboration with the school population in a continued effort to integrate Stoneham's rich historical legacy with their curriculum. Every third grade teacher received the use of an historical slide presentation, support for hands-on activities and a copy of the "Coloring Book History of Stoneham" for each student to keep.

Community outreach was further expanded with rotating collections of interesting artifacts in the display cases of the Stoneham Public Library and with a Chamber of Commerce "Adopt-A-Site" flower barrel located in the Central Square Historic District.

We continue to be very appreciative of donations of artifacts pertaining to our town's history. Among those received in 2003 were: — a vintage handcrafted scale model of a house (complete with furniture) originally created by a local resident which somehow made its way to Minnesota but was shipped back home; a 100 year old silver coffee urn donated by a local retired school teacher; a book on the 100 year history of Bear Hill Golf Course; a spike and a (very heavy) piece of the old Franklin Street trolley tracks; an 1800's religious book owned by a former resident of Stoneham (MA, ME, England or elsewhere). Additionally, we were presented

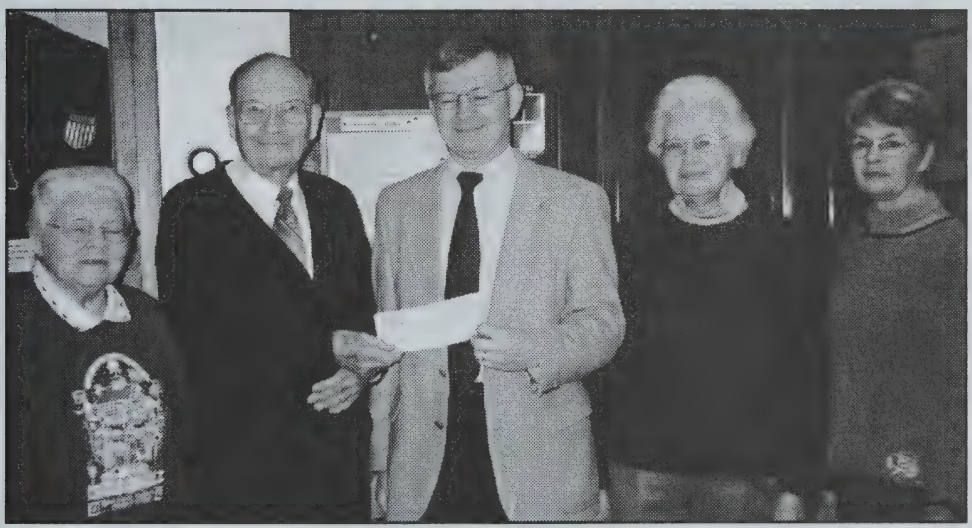
with an 1800's Police Dept. Arrest Log. Special "thanks" to our Town fathers, Police Dept. and especially retired Officer George Sullivan and co-worker, Paul Norton, who facilitated the donation. Memorial bequests from the Harriamn Estate and the Lister Family were touching reminders of the thoughtfulness and generosity of longtime members.

Especially noteworthy also was a generous donation from the Stoneham Savings Bank coupled with a similar commitment for the next two years. The funds were used to purchase a laptop computer complete with printer/scanner/copier. The addition of this technology has advanced our efforts in many ways but in particular providing the ability to catalog our collection and have this data at our fingertips when responding to the many e-mail inquiries received via our website. One such inquiry resulted in having a vintage photo from our archives included in American History magazine with a story on the 1909 new York-To-Seattle automobile race. The first transcontinental contest featured a Stoneham built Shawmut car with T. Arthur Pettengill at the wheel against a pair of Model T Fords.

Our website (www.geocities.com/stonehamhistoricalsociety) clearly propels our organization into cyberspace, but without the efforts of local dedicated volunteers with support from members and Town Officials and from the Stoneham SUN and Stoneham Independent, the organization would not continue to thrive. Many affordable levels of membership are available on an annual basis to anyone interested in preserving and showcasing our town's history. All dues collected are reinvested into the Museum and Meeting Hall at 36 William Street. Members are not only greatly needed but sincerely appreciated. Persons with questions about membership, volunteering or donating local artifacts may contact us via our website, in person or in writing. We encourage each of you to participate in celebrating "Pride in our past; Faith in our future" as we have since 1922.

Submitted by:
Paulene (Bee) Russo, President
Stoneham Historical Society

1800's Police Dept.
Arrest Log Presentation
Chief O'Keefe, Detective George Sullivan,
Curator Mary Marchant, Officer Paul Norton



Donation Check Presentation
by Dick Donovan, CEO, Stoneham Savings Bank
Historical Society Executive Board

Guest Speaker, Owners of Dairy Dome
Diane & Tom Mayo with Program Chair Betty Whelan

Guest Speaker and
local author
Barbara Mahoney
and member
George Trenholm

Historical Society Meeting Hall & Museum

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

The Division of Inspectional Services was created 6 years ago in 1998 to enhance customer service and coordination. This department includes Eugene Argiro, Inspector of Buildings; Cheryl Noble, Local Inspector; Jack Kelley, Plumbing & Gas Inspector; Richard Catanzaro, Electrical Inspector; Rosemary Geary, Principal Office Assistant; and Carolyn Auriemma, Office Assistant.

The mission of Inspectional Services has been from the onset, to increase and ensure the level of public safety through administration, interpretation, and enforcement of the State Building, Plumbing and Electrical codes as well as the Town of Stoneham's Zoning Bylaws. Through the provision of quality service to applicants, homeowners, and those aggrieved by the actions of others; in a fair, thorough and timely fashion adhering to the principles of the division so as to enhance the overall appearance of our neighborhoods in order to try to maintain a quality of living for all.

Since the inception of the department in 1998 we have processed in excess of 12,000 applications for building projects as well as numerous zoning issues with excellent results. At the same time, keeping abreast of all current laws and regulations by attending continuing education classes offered by various code enforcement and state agencies.

The year 2003 was the second busiest year since the inception of this department. We received over 2400 permit applications generating approximately 1000 application reviews resulting in the issuance of 2,366 permits with a total revenue of $277,613.00 as follows.

	Number	Revenue	$ Value of Construction
New houses	15	$30,030.00	$2,424,407.00
Additions	51	$37,031.00	$3,187,100.00
Roofs, Siding & Windows	194	$15,345.00	$1,556,306.00
Electrical	566	$40,054.00	$1,065,059.50
Plumbing	410	$14,315.00	
Gas	206	$5,975.00	
Certificates of Occupancy	171		
Certificate of Inspection	26		
Temporary Occupancy	9		
Misc. Permits	718	$134,863.00	$10,117,845.21
Total:	2,366	$277,613.00	$18,350,717.71

	Number	Revenue	$ Value of Construction
Total Permits 1998	1568	$217,294.00	$8,847,373.00
Total Permits 1999	1646	$239,893.46	$20,266,492.06
Total Permits 2000	1926	$330,933.00	$36,023,692.31
Total Permits 2001	2500	$274,154.63	$17,214,259.40
Total Permits 2002	2051	$223,786.60	$28,454,680.15

Throughout the year the Inspectional Services Division conducted in excess of 3,900 inspections for permits issued, as well as complaints and Certificates of Inspection and Occupancy.

Due to the fact that Stoneham is an older more developed community with very little open land left to actually build on, we are currently experiencing a time when residents are electing to improve or add on to their homes rather than selling and moving to another home. The result of which can be seen in a positive way as you travel throughout the town. The impact however on the Inspectional Services Division is more applications and more inspections with less revenue, but we still manage to receive more than we spend and have not become a burden on the taxpayers.

The past year has been extremely busy for Inspectional Services Division with most of the time expended towards the whole permit process and code enforcement especially in the commercial areas in order to ensure safer establishments for the public, due largely to the aftermath of the Rhode Island fire. This tragedy has forced all of us associated with code enforcement and public safety, throughout the country as a whole, to look differently at these establishments in order to keep history from repeating itself. The end result is that we don't have a great deal of time remaining for improvements in the overall department application and permit processing. We did however install a separate 24 hour 7 day a week inspection call line in order to try to expedite the inspection process and relieve the staff from having to interrupt their activities to answer the phone. We are also closed on Tuesday mornings until 11:30 am in order to attempt to catch up on paperwork and other matters that cannot be conducted when we are open. We have increased the hours of availability for customer / inspector interaction at the counter by adding ½ hour per day for 4 days for a total of 6 hours per week.

The year saw two new elementary schools come on line, the Robin Hood and Colonial Park, as well as the beginning of the Ira Nissan project on Cedar Street next to B.J.'s. Saint Patrick's addition also got its start. Projects planned for the future with start dates of 2004 are the following.

1. New 800,000 square foot complex at the old Boston Regional site on Woodland Road.

2. New Shaw's Supermarket, CVS, and Eastern Bank at Redstone Shopping Center.
3. New office building on Montvale Avenue.
4. New facility at the old Plymouth Rock Transportation site on Maple Street.
5. High School door renovation project.
6. Middle School door renovation project.
7. The usual Certificates of Inspection.
8. The usual home additions and renovation projects with an occasional new home as a result of an empty isolated lot somewhere or a tear down.

What to look for in the future as far as customer service is concerned:

1. Web site where you can apply for a building permit on line.
2. Computer software upgrades in order to expedite the flow of paperwork related to the application and permit process.
3. Complete upgrade of the existing property filing system in order to expedite the whole filing process as well as to ensure the protection of the existing files and public records. This filing system has never been upgraded since the inception of the Building Department and is long overdue.
4. New permitting application process in order to try to make the process more user- friendly for both commercial and residential construction.

In summation, the Inspectional Services Division staff would like to state that we are committed to provide customer service and satisfaction at all times as well as the enforcement of the State Building Codes and local Zoning Bylaws by placing the safety of the public as our first priority.

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

The following nine members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen for the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee for a term of three years: Chairman, Chris Abreu, Vice Chairperson, Maureen Houghton, Secretary, Denise Healy, Therese DiBlasi, Stephen McDonough, Paul O'Brien, James Sarno, Stephen Sylvester and Dennis Visconti. Full-time Recreation employees are Rick Arzillo, Golf Course & Municipal Parks/Grounds Superintendent, Christine DelRossi, Recreation Program Coordinator and June Scarpa, Arena Manager.

STONEHAM ARENA

The Stoneham Arena has been a constant source of recreation. The Arena houses a number of programs for our youth including those with an interest in

hockey, figure skating and ice-skating. The Arena was in full swing since July. The summer programs went well. The majority of ice time was sold. The Stoneham Youth Hockey Program has grown resulting in a need for additional ice time. The Arena continues to have High School hockey games, school run activities, and town run activities as well as Old Time Bruins games and hosting a pre-season Lowell Lock Monsters hockey game. **New** this season the High School Spartan Girls Hockey Program played their Junior Varsity Games at the Arena.

June Scarpa, Arena Manager

RECREATION PROGRAMS

Following is a list of activities/services that were provided to the citizens of Stoneham in 2003:

Field Permits
Use of Recreation Park Field House
Open Parks Program
Tennis Lessons
Summer Drama Club
Field Hockey Clinic
High School Women's Soccer
High School Men's Soccer
Spartan Soccer School
Top Secret Science Program
Spartan Sports Club 2003
New Intensive Soccer Training
New Girls Winter Track Program
New Boys Winter Track Program
New Write Start Workshop
New Men's Over 30 Basketball League
Jr. Golf League at Stoneham Oaks Golf Course
World Record Track and Field
Open Gym Basketball Program
Major League Soccer Camps
Summer Basketball
New After School Drama Club
Skyhawk Programs
Roller hockey
Junior Hawk Baseball
Basketball Program
Soccer
Mini-hawk (baseball, basketball, soccer)
Multi-Sport (baseball, basketball, soccer)
Beginner Golf Lessons
New Softball Program

Special Needs Activities: Friday Night Live Program and Club for All Program
Special Events: Carnival Day and Town Day

GRATITUDE:

- The Recreation Department would like to give special thanks to the Department of Public Works and the School Department for their assistance and cooperation during the course of the year.
- Thank you to Michelle Davison for donating her time in teaching and creating the Write Start Workshop.
- Thank you to Liz Arno for volunteering to teach the After School Drama Club program to Middle School Students.
- Thank you to Recreation Committee Member Dennis Visconti for assisting with the creation of the Men's Over 30 Basketball League.

DONATIONS:

A special thanks to the O'Keefe Family for their donations throughout the years in memory of Recreation Committee Member Robert O'Keefe, Jr. and his father Robert O'Keefe, Sr.

A special thanks to Stoneham Youth Soccer for their donation of $5,390 and to New England Over the Hill Men's Soccer League for their donation of $1,000. The combined donation was used to pay for sod work completed at Broadway Fields on November 24, 2003 by Field Goal Turf in Peabody.

Christine DelRossi,
Recreation Program Coordinator

The Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee are committed to provide quality Recreation for the citizens of the Town of Stoneham. We wish to remind the citizens of the Town to visit the facilities and share in our pride.

The Recreation Department is also a proud Sponsor of the Summer Concert Series 2003.

TOWN HALL ORGAN

The organ in the Town Hall auditorium was installed 61 years ago and first played on March 19, 1942. Since then, Stoneham has been the only town in America to provide voters a free theatre pipe organ concert before each town meeting.

Our organ, a Wurlitzer Unit Orchestra, has over 1,000 pipes, as well as percussions such as drums, symbols, xylophone, and car horn. While it works on the same principle as a church organ, it is not intended to sound like one or to be played in the same manner. To hear it, come early to a town meeting.

Two notable achievements occurred in 2003. The first public concert in many years was held on April 5, 2003. 120 people braved a snowstorm, coming from as far away as western Rhode Island, to enjoy the music of John Cook, one of America's best young organists. Stoneham's cable system broadcast the concert live, marking the first time the organ has been featured on TV. The concert was held to showcase the improvements made in the organ and to benefit the Stoneham Theatre. The Theatre kindly donated some of the proceeds to be used for further organ restoration.

Our organ was also the subject of a feature article in "Theatre Organ" magazine, the publication of the American Theatre Organ Society, including color pictures.

Bruce C. Netten
Town Organist

Town Hall Organ

STONEHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

GREGORY M. O'KEEFE, CHIEF OF POLICE
2003

As I write this Annual Report reviewing last year, I am also preparing next year's budget and cannot help but reflect that many of our programs discussed here may be eliminated next year due to budget cuts. I also realize that 2004 will test our fortitude to provide a comparable level of public safety for our citizens. Nevertheless, I submit this report looking back on a very productive and successful year. We have always used our resources to their maximum benefit for the citizens of Stoneham, and continue in our efforts to be progressive, proactive, and responsible.

No matter how good the public safety services, without the support of the community, no agency can succeed in its efforts to provide necessary services. The support of Stoneham residents is and always will be appreciated by the members of the police department. Never hesitate to contact us with any situation you believe might require police services. Only as a community working together can we preserve a community worth living in.

Stoneham is an original member community of the North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (N.E.M.L.E.C.). N.E.M.L.E.C. is a mutual aid council wherein we share our resources with other communities in order to provide regional services during an emergency. Services provided range from Mobil Command Center, School Threat Assessment Response System (S.T.A.R.S.), Regional Response Teams (RRT), Special Operations Units (S.O.U.), Computer Crime Unit (C.C.U.), and several other areas. Members of these units receive ongoing specialized training Although our patrol officers will always be the first to respond to any emergency, being the first to respond is the most dangerous and quick assessments must be made. Sometimes that assessment determines that a situation may be just too extensive for our officers to handle on our own, and in those situations it is comforting to know that support and supplemental public safety services are available through N.E.M.L.E.C.. Later in this Annual Report, you will see the report of Stoneham's S.W.A.T. Team officers, Mike O'Toole and Tom Heller who go into specific detail regarding their activities and duties.

Our emergency Dispatch center is the critical call nucleus of the Police Department. All emergency calls for police, fire and ambulance are received through central dispatch and relayed to the appropriate responders. Training has insured that precise and accurate information is transmitted in split seconds. As you will see in the report of Head Dispatcher, David Luciano, our Dispatch team fielded 13,080 calls for police services this year.

Our DARE program continues to enjoy the support of parents and merchants as shown by the continued contributions by the community since DARE continues to be funded by donations. Officer Cullen's report will show how he uses combined resources to enriched the methods of getting the DARE message to our students to conduct their lives free of alcohol, drugs and tobacco.

Sgt. Steve Nims stepped forward to take over the reins of our Community Policing program upon the promotion of Lt. Herbert Moore. Since 2003 was the last year that Lt. Moore headed this unit, you will see his report and the impact Community Policing has had on our community. These small grants generate an enormous impact towards the critical thinking of our youth and establishing a safe standard of living in our community.

Lieutenant Detective Rick McCarthy is the Commanding Officer of our Detective Bureau. The Bureau is comprised of specialists assigned to prosecution, criminal, narcotics and computer crime investigations. Members of the Bureau are available by phone to any citizen who needs assistance with drug, domestic or juvenile issues and all cases in prosecution.

Our two certified Firearms Division armorers, Sgt. William J. Surette and Inspector Daniel Bates conducted classes for the issuance of licenses to carry firearms. They also conduct mandatory training for all sworn officers and auxiliary officers to qualify semiannually in the safe and proficient use of their weapons. Any citizen who desires a firearms permit or license to carry a firearm must apply through the Firearms Division at the police station. I realize that many applicants questioned the length of time it takes to receive licenses or renewals. Firearm licenses continue to be restrictive due to additional guidelines, regulations and procedures required by the State.

Our Safety Officer reports herein, on the opening of the new Robin Hood and Colonial Park schools, supervision of the Traffic Directors and public safety issues with other town departments.

Finally, you will see the extensive training we have conducted in Sgt. Robert Swasey's report as our Training Officer. A well-trained officer is the strength of our Department and our community. As our department diminishes in number and more is expected of our remaining officers, training is not now necessary, it is crucial. As 9/11 is about to be memorialized in stone, it's impact continues to grow, especially in the public safety sector and we must be prepared.

Every American knows that our world is changing more rapidly than ever. As new drugs come on the streets, new weapons are in the hands of criminals, computers spawn new technological crimes and even children emulate terrorists in schools, we must develop faster and better methods to accomplish our mission - to serve and protect

2003 – DETECTIVE BUREAU
Lt. Richard McCarthy
Detective OIC

The Detective Bureau is responsible for criminal investigations, prosecutions, narcotic investigations and juvenile investigations. The Detective Bureau is under the command of Lieutenant Richard McCarthy.

In 2003, the Bureau included Inspector George Alger, Inspector Daniel Bates, Inspector Edwin Peek, Inspector Robert McKinnon and Inspector Paul Norton. In 2003 the Police Department, and especially the Detective Bureau, suffered a large loss of experience with the untimely retirement of Inspector John Leccese. His 22 years of investigative knowledge and expertise have been sorely missed.

CRIME STATISTICS: In keeping with our tradition of publishing statistics from our records, in addition to those reported by the Prosecution Division, 2003 reported incidents indicate:

Arrests	214
Homicide	0
Sex crimes	13
Assaults	60
Robberies	6
Missing persons	38
Uttering	31
Vandalism	338
Larceny including shoplifting	362
Threats/harassment	167
Breaking and Entering/all types including attempts	133
Domestic violence/restraining order violations	172
Service and attempt service of restraining orders	198
Firearm calls	9
Summons/warrant service	151
Animal calls	184
Disturbance calls	956
Wire down/water break	114
Road hazard	188
Building/person checks	543
Medical aid	1,537
Motor vehicles - stolen	46
Motor vehicles – recovered	50
Motor vehicle accidents	761
Motor vehicle calls	1,339
Fire alarms	890
Alarms (all others)	1,010

SEXUAL OFFENDERS living/working in Stoneham: 63

1 Level Three offender: risk of recidivism is high and offender information actively disseminated to public.

9 Level Two offenders: risk of recidivism is moderate and offender information available upon request.

53 Level One offenders: risk of recidivism is low and no offender information available.

DEATHS: Investigated 9 sudden deaths, which were reported to the Medical Examiner and determined to be non-criminal.

NARCOTICS: Investigation of narcotics incidents continues to be an ongoing priority. Joint effort and assistance came from surrounding communities, the District Attorneys State Police Task Force, The Attorney Generals State Police Task Force and the United States Drug Enforcement Agency.

2003 ANNUAL REPORT OF SAFETY OFFFICER
by
SAFETY OFFICER LAURENCE J. ROTONDI

This year especially showed the spirit and resolve of our Traffic Directors. I tip my hat to these fine men and women who provide the daily safety barrier for our children. They have the respect of parents, teachers and our police personnel. As a point of information, there is a difference between a Traffic Director and a Crossing Guard. A Crossing Guard's only duty and power is to halt traffic and cross pedestrians. A Traffic Director has expanded powers including directing traffic, parking enforcement, and issuing moving citations along with crossing pedestrians. Stoneham has Traffic Directors. Unfortunately, there are some parents/motorists who continue to disobey directions from Traffic Directors and some go so far as to insult or threaten them. Therefore, Chief O'Keefe has authorized radios for such Traffic Directors so that a cruiser can be dispatched immediately to such an incident. However, on the whole, most parents and motorists act responsibly. During 2003, three Traffic Directors resigned and we hired 5 new Spares so that we have a total of 6 Spare Traffic Directors available to cover 24 posts

With the opening of the Colonial Park and Robin Hood Schools, from September to December, Chief O'Keefe and I studied the new traffic patterns and, in January, announced the funded 24 permanent posts that would be manned by Traffic Directors. Periodically, in the event a Traffic Director should call in sick on one of these permanent posts, there may be times when a spare will not be assigned, due to budget constraints.

During 2003 I conducted the annual safety inspection of all taxis, limousines and livery vehicles registered in the Town of Stoneham. During this period, I also examined the licenses and issued permits to the drivers of these vehicles-for-hire, thus insuring the safety of our riding public.

I have worked closely with the Building Department, Fire Department, D. P. W. and Selectmen's office this year especially on site plans all over town. Basically, I review the plans and visit the areas to determine any safety hazards which may arise as a result of the new construction, especially traffic patterns spilling onto our public roadways. Chief O'Keefe also assigns me to investigate safety issues and concerns received from the general public.

Finally, I am encouraged by the positive comments I have received to my weekly safety column in our local newspapers. I intend to continue this practice and welcome your response and recommendations. Naturally, if you have any questions regarding safety, do not hesitate to contact me. I am available for you and...Remember – Think Safety.

D.A.R.E. PROGRAM
by
OFFICER TOM CULLEN

The D.A.R.E. program continues to grow in popularity with students, parents, law enforcement and educators. Anyone associated with an elementary school student is aware of D.A.R.E. I continue to receive only positive feedback from the community.

As the D.A.R.E. Officer assigned from the Stoneham Police Department to implement and teach this program, I wish to acknowledge the cooperative support of the Town Administrator, the Chief of Police and the Superintendent of Schools. With their support we will continue the D.A.R.E. program for the school year 2003-2004 despite lack of state funding.

During the past 10 years that the Stoneham D.A.R.E. program has existed, our goals have grown and surpassed our expectations. My first goal was to introduce D.A.R.E. to the community and I spent many hours with educators who would turn their classrooms over to me, with merchants who were supportive and generous in their donations, with D.A.R.E. officers from other towns who had already implemented their programs, and with local civic groups and organizations who pledged their support. From those small beginnings in a few classrooms in the public school system, I have since established and presented the D.A.R.E. program in the private schools in town and it's a challenge to work out a schedule to satisfy all the schools who want the D.A.R.E. program. Success breeds success.

The D.A.R.E. classroom is unique. This is the class where the subject is the student. They learn about themselves. They talk about themselves. They set goals for themselves and graduate empowered. The core strength of the Stoneham D.A.R.E. program is continuous reaffirmation of the child's self esteem and individual awareness which leads to strengthening their personal life choices.

We also continue our efforts with Community Policing and other youth oriented organizations in town such as the Stoneham Youth Commission, Stoneham Fire Awareness programs and with the cooperation of the organization we sponsored a Skate-A-Thon at the Stoneham Arena.

We are looking forward to the annual Al Duff 2004 Memorial Race for D.A.R.E. to be held on Town Day in September. We are trying to get as many runners and people involved this year as it is our major fund raiser for the year. The road race is in conjunction with the Stoneham Fire Department and the largest contributor is the Chamber of Commerce. This race was established by the family of former Safety Officer Al Duff because of his love for the children of Stoneham. The D.A.R.E. program continues Al's work and, hopefully, with the donations received from the community and merchants, we can continue to build upon what Al started. It is our goal to give the children as much information about the destructive effects of drugs and violence as we can and they will only receive this information through D.A.R.E.

Once again, our main concern is for the safety of the children not only with drugs but the violence which occurs in our society. In closing, I would like to thank the many organizations and people who help to support the D.A.R.E. program in our continuing efforts to fight the war on drugs.

2003 S.W.A.T. and RRT TEAM REPORT
By
Officers Mike O'Toole, Tom Heller and Steve Carroll

The Stoneham Police Department continues to participate in the North East Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (N.E.M.L.E.C.) in accordance with a Mutual Aid Agreement with other local law enforcement agencies. A division of N.E.M.L.E.C. are the SWAT and RRT teams consisting of officers from various departments who are willing to devote their time to training and being on call for emergencies.

The N.E.M.L.E.C. SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team trains for the most dangerous situations. This highly trained and well-equipped unit provides life saving assistance when N.E.M.L.E.C. communities must deal with snipers, armed barricaded subjects, hostage takers, terrorists and high risk warrants.

The Stoneham Police Department SWAT team representatives, comprised of Officers Mike O'Toole and Tom Heller, were called out in 2003 for the following assignments: Three (3) drug raids, two (2) dignitary protection assignments, one (1) School Threat Assessment Response (STARS), one (1) stakeout and one (1) hostage rescue. In 2003 we participated in the following training: One week of continued SWAT training hosted by the Middlesex Sheriff's Office and conducted by officers of the Law Enforcement Advanced Development (LEAD) and the Los Angeles Police Department SWAT Team (LAPD/SWAT). LAPD/SWAT is considered to be one of the finest SWAT teams in the country as well as one of the premier teams in the world. We trained in the use of tactical firearms, distraction devices and hostage rescue techniques from buildings and motor vehicles. In April, we participated in specialized training with the entire N.E.M.L.E.C. team and we were certified as both M4-Patrol Rifle Operators and as MP5 Submachine Gun Operators. These weapons are the larger type weapon systems that the SWAT team utilizes.

The N.E.M.L.E.C./ RRT (Regional Response Team) is a unit whose main focus is to provide an adequate number of highly trained officers to combat \civil disturbances, to assist with man-made and natural disasters, to aid in search and rescue missions, provide protection for dignitaries, homeland security and to assist the N.E.M.L.E.C. communities when additional resources are necessary. The RRT works closely with the School Threat Assessment Response (STARS) program.

Officer Steven Carroll joined Officers O'Toole and Heller as an RRT officer representing the Stoneham Police Department. During 2003, the RRT Unit has trained extensively un the areas of riot/crowd control formations, search and rescue techniques, land navigation and building entries and searches in connection with the STARS program. The RRT Unit was called out several times in 2003 for dignitary protection and crowd control related to those events.

Officer O'Toole became certified in the use of "Less Than Lethal Projectiles" or what we call "bean bag rounds". This certification was earned after extensive training with the N.E.M.L.E.C. SWAT team.

Officer Heller attended and completed a Firearms Instructor course given by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council (MCJTC). He is now certified to instruct in the use of handguns, M4-Patrol rifles and shotguns.

As sworn officers, we volunteered to represent Stoneham on the N.E.M.L.E.C./ SWAT/RRT teams and we stand ready for any emergency callout.

2003 TRAINING REPORT
By
SGT. ROBERT SWASEY

Major Lt. Joseph Del Rossi and Sgt. Robert Swasey are the Stoneham Police Department's training officers. Through their offices and the office of Chief O'Keefe, the officers of the department have been able to attend specialized training. The training was offered by federal, state, county and private agencies. Officers attended training as follows:

Domestic Violence and the Police Officer by Boston Police Department: Lt. McCarthy, Lt. Moore, Sgt. Swasey, Sgt. Stefanelli, Sgt. Nims

Public Records Disclosure by Commonwealth Police Services: Lt. McCarthy

Managing Criminal Investigations and Technology to Reduce Liability by International Police Chiefs' Assn.: Lt. McCarthy

Criminal Law Update by Middlesex District Attorney's Office: Lt. McCarthy, Sgt. Kranefuss, Inspectors Bates, Peek and McKinnon

Breathalyzer Instructors by Massachusetts State Police: Sgt. Swasey and Stefanelli

Critical Incident Management by Greater Boston Police Council: Lts. DelRossi and Moore, Sgt. Swasey, Officers Cullen and Wilkins

Crisis Negotiation by Advanced Development Consultants: Officer S. McIntyre

Responding to Critical Incidents by Boston Metro Group: Officers Carroll, Copan, Ponzo and Fucarile

Less Than Lethal Shotgun by Municipal Police Institute: Sgt. Surette

Critical Incident Stress Management by Concerns of Police Survivors: Officers R. DelRossi and Kennedy

Basic Electronic Surveillance by Narcotic Technology Academy: Officers Thistle and NortonBasic Narcotic Investigations by US Department of Justice

Inspector Norton, Domestic Terrorism & Narcotics Trends by N.E. Narcotics Officers

Inspector Norton, Crime Scene Investigation by The Taylor Group

Inspector Norton, Drug Enforcement by the Drug Enforcement Agency

Inspector Norton, DNA Collection by Massachusetts State Police

Inspector Norton

All Officers attended the four day in-service training at the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council center. The training covered the areas of CPR, A.E.D. use, First Responder, Legal Updates in Criminal and Motor vehicle Laws and Officer Survival.

All of this training has been used in the day-to-day operations of the Stoneham Police Department. Training has played an important role in maintaining essential services that this police department delivers to the citizens of Stoneham.

2003 JUVENILE DIVISION
by
INSPECTOR GEORGE P. ALGER

The position of the Juvenile Officer is to specialize in the case handling of our youth between the ages of 7 and 17. Due to an assortment of reasons, some of these matters are handled by other Detectives within the department. The Community Police program has shown a direction and need for continued education and involvement with the youth of our community, combined with our affiliation with the school administration. I welcome this need for the police involvement with our youth as do the other officers assigned to the team. Our current D.A.R.E. program is an example of what this interaction can accomplish. With the continued funding of the Community Police program here in Stoneham, the juvenile problem areas will be targeted with nothing short of a successful result. Please contact my office if you have any concerns or information you may deem important and vital to our goals.

As for the past year's juvenile criminal behavior patterns, they continue to remain within the norm. The core of drug use also maintained its regularity with a slight increase in marijuana related cases. However, alcohol remains the number one abused drug.

Please feel free to contact me at 438-1215 with any questions or concerns you may have. Our general view as police officers is portrayed as capture and prosecute the lawbreakers. True, this is an element of our profession; however, to help our townspeople as well as the youth is an intrinsic resource few seek for assistance. PLEASE CALL THE POLICE IF YOU EVEN THINK YOU SEE A CRIME. We are here to serve you

2003 PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH
by
DAVID B. LUCIANO, HEAD DISPATCHER

The Public Safety Dispatch Department provides 24-hour civilian dispatching for the Police Department, Fire Department and contract ambulance. The department is comprised of six full-time and 1 part-time dispatchers and operates from the Police Station.

During the course of the past year over 13,000 calls that required personnel from the Police Department, Fire Department or ambulance to respond were processed through the dispatch center. Of the 13,000 calls over 3,600 were received through the enhanced 9-1-1 system. These calls for service do not include the many business or public information calls that come into the center or walk in reports to the Police Station that must also be processed

2003 AUXILIARY POLICE REPORT
BY
SERGEANT JAMES T. MCINTYRE
LIAISON TO THE AUXILIARY POLICE

The Stoneham Auxiliary Police Department is volunteer organization designed to augment the Stoneham Police Department. Some of the primary responsibilities of the Auxiliary Police is to provide additional patrols of Town owned property, assist with traffic at community events, such as Town Day, Winter Wonderland at Whip Hill, road races, and provide assistance during a town emergency. When working, Auxiliary Police Officers possess the same police powers as full time police officer. Prior to working as an Auxiliary Officer, the candidate is required to attend the Basic Reserve Police Officer Academy sponsored by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council, as well as annual first aid/CRP and firearms qualification sponsored by the Stoneham Police.

Currently, there are nineteen active members on the Auxiliary Police. The following is a list of the active members:

August Niewenhous – Commissioner
Gerald Sullivan – Chief
David Luciano – Lieutenant
Joseph Allwood – Sergeant
George Lessard – Sergeant
Daniel Marsden – Sergeant
Geoffrey Buchanan – Patrolman
Maurice DiCicco – Patrolman
Donald Doucette – Patrolman
Douglas Eames – Patrolman
Robert Fitzsimmons - Patrolman
Thomas Kench - Patrolman
Eugenio Ianniciello - Patrolman
Brian Labriola - Patrolman
John Lazzaro - Patrolman
John Maguire - Patrolman
Louis Mascia - Patrolman
James Murphy - Patrolman
Christopher Ponzo - Patrolman

In the year 2003, these individuals donated in excess of 800 hour to the Town of Stoneham.

The membership would like to recognize the members of the Board of Selectmen for their assistance in obtaining new uniforms, as well as Lieutenant Herbert Moore for securing grant money used to purchase bullet resistant vests.

2003 PROSECUTION DIVISION
by
INSPECTOR DANIEL BATES

As Prosecutor for the Stoneham Police Department, I attend the daily criminal sessions in the Woburn District Court and present the case before the sitting Justices. The defendants are notified of the hearing dates and appear with their counsel. Usually, most cases are adjudicated at the hearing; however, if the defendants request trials, then the cases are turned over to the District Attorney's office.

As a representative of the Stoneham Police Department to the District Attorney's Round Table seminars, I attend meetings to keep abreast of practices, laws and prosecution of domestic violence which continues to escalated as well as other crimes. We are also vigilant in observing the civil rights of all parties involved. At these Round Table sessions, we are informed on the most current laws covering sexual offenders' registration, civil rights, new statutes and violations. These ever-changing laws must be carefully observed so that our cases can be properly prosecuted. The officers of the Stoneham Police Department are also continuously trained to know and observe these legal guidelines.

The Victim's Advocate at the Woburn District Court is also part of the team to assist victims of all types of threats, and physical or violent crimes. We recognize that victims of non-violent crimes also need support and assistance. Working closely with all victims during the prosecution process, we are prepared to recommend various resources depending upon the crimes and the victims' needs such as Services Against Family Violence . More and more, we are seeing crimes of uncontrolled rage...on the road and in the family. Many violators are assigned to Anger Management seminars in the hopes of stemming this growing phenomenon. This collaboration of our Department with these agencies is continuously evolving through our active participation in the Governor's Alliance which is the sponsoring catalyst.

Along with domestic violence, the most common crimes in our community continue to be motor vehicle violations, larceny, breaking and entering, vandalism and crimes against persons. Another serious crime that we continue to prosecute is driving while intoxicated.

Our Department has taken full advantage of the speed monitor which is placed in various speed zones throughout the Town. This device, together with continuous observation by our Officers has helped to train motorists to obey the speed laws to avoid any tragedies, especially to pedestrians. Our statistics for 2003 show receipts from the Registry of Motor Vehicles (moving violations) and the Woburn District Court (criminal fines and parking violations) exceeding $19,800.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIAN

This is the 144th report of the Stoneham Public Library covering the calendar year 2003.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Hugh E. Williams, Jr., the Library Director for over 27 years, retired to Florida at the end of 2002. His absence is keenly felt. Mary P. Todd, former Assistant Director, was appointed as his successor in February 2003. The library welcomed new staff members in 2003, including May Forkin as the new Assistant Director, Maureen Saltzman as the new Reference Librarian, and a new Children's Librarian to be named in early 2004. Reference Librarian Laurie Lucey left to spend more time with her baby daughter and Children's Librarian Diane Jones left to take the Director's position at a small library in Maine. Both will be missed.

BUDGET ISSUES

Through the persistent and determined efforts of the library staff, the Board of Trustees, and Friends of the Library, the library managed to retain its State Certification. This required additional funding to meet the state mandated Municipal Appropriation Requirement. We at the library appreciate the promise honored by various town officials and the support of Stoneham citizenry that ensured that the library would receive the funds necessary to maintain its certification. That appropriation was approved at the October Town Meeting. To meet the state's 15% materials requirement, the Library Board of Trustees authorized the use of nearly $28,000 from Library Trust Funds to augment the materials budget which was greatly depleted by budget cuts.

Unfortunately, the new year brings the same problems. Again the town is facing a fiscal crisis, and again the library is in danger of losing its State Certification and $20,000 in State Aid. Budget cuts will also require that the library use Trust Funds in even greater amounts to augment the materials budget. While we are grateful to have the funds to fall back on, I would remind town officials that this cannot go on indefinitely. Trust funds are meant to **enhance** the budget, not act as a **substitute** for the budget. Hopefully the town's fiscal outlook will improve and we will be able to maintain the quality of the library and its collection for the good of all Stoneham's citizens. Each year of budget cuts makes that task more difficult.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Thanks to the efforts of town officials and a vote at the July Special Town Meeting, funding was restored for Sunday openings. Stoneham is one of the few libraries in this area that is open on Sundays.

COMPUTER INSTRUCTION

Due to a lack of staff, we were forced for forgo our free computer instruction program during 2003. With the arrival of the new year and our new Assistant Director, we hope to resume classes in 2004. This much requested program has been missed.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

The Junior Library continues to offer excellent programs for children of all ages. In 2003 nearly 800 children attended pre-School Story Hour programs, over 460 participated in the Summer Reading Program, and 3,100 attended other programs offered by the Junior Library.

This has been a year of great change at the Stoneham Public Library. The Trustees and I would like to thank the members of the library staff for their continued hard work during this year of transition. Their efforts are very much appreciated. Our library continues to serve the public for more hours per week (61) with less staff than any library in the area.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary P. Todd
Library Director

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Department of Public Works is operating with a total complement of thirty full-time employees. This includes Engineering and Administrative personnel as well as Water, Sewer, Highway, Cemetery and Equipment Maintenance staffing. As noted in recent years, our current complement of employees necessitates the "privatization" of more aspects of our operation.

As a result, most of our tree work including regular maintenance and emergency removal; most of our sidewalk resurfacing and/or replacement; and most of our water main installations/replacements is accomplished by private contractors. This movement towards "privatization" leaves the Town shorthanded when confronted with emergencies such as hurricanes or major snowstorms.

The Department is directly involved in the Town's recycling program. The drop-off center and leaf programs were very active and successful. In order to better serve the residents, seven curbside leaf pickups were scheduled during the spring and fall, and a Christmas tree pick-up in early January. Curbside recycling participation has been exceptional.

Once again, the Department took advantage of the State offered inmate work/release program. Several weeks of work were performed by this group, including grass mowing, leaf raking and general cleanup. This program has proven to be a valuable supplement to the depleted D.P.W. forces. However, due to increasing demand by other communities, obtaining this help is becoming more difficult each year.

ENGINEERING

Working under the direction and guidance of the Public Works Director/Town Engineer, Engineering plans and supervises the multitude of diverse activities performed by the Public Works Department. The activities range from trench and pothole repair, to sign installation and replacement, to water main replacement and sanitary sewer and storm drainage design, to assessing and selecting locations for new trees, to cemetery roadway and plot planning, construction and plot layout, to contract and bid specification writing, site plan and subdivision review with associated surety need estimates and subsequent updates. This division also oversees the planning, design, construction, and renovation of the many miles of water, sewer, and storm drainage piping within the Town's distribution and collection systems; the 70 mile plus roadway network; and the maintenance of the various buildings and properties under the control of the Department of Public Works, including maintenance of the Town Hall. In addition, Engineering serves as a consultant to virtually every Town department and committee.

Engineering is also responsible for the maintenance, upgrading and updating of the multitude of plans and records kept by the Department. Scaled drawings and field sketches indicating the age, type and location of virtually every sewer and water main, and each service connection, as well as the related pumping stations and appurtenances, are maintained and updated so as to provide all necessary information on short notice.

During the year, the Division prepared bidding documents, solicited bids and evaluated proposals for twenty-three different contracts. Over 90 proposals for various equipment, materials, services and construction contracts were received, considered and recommendations for award or rejection rendered.

The Board of Selectmen forwarded eight new or revised site plans for our review and evaluation during 2003. The Planning Board requested our input regard-

ing nine subdivisions consisting of over 50 lots. Significant construction took place within the Aspen Lane, Murdock Road, Rowe Hill Road and Benjamin Terrace subdivisions.

Every subdivision plan submitted to the Planning Board is thoroughly reviewed in terms of roadway and utility design and conformity to regulations, as well as the overall impact of the development on local neighborhoods. Once a subdivision plan is approved and the developer ready to initiate construction, Engineering calculates the amount of surety required to insure the ultimate completion of the subdivision. For each subdivision, several surety adjustment recommendations must be made during the course of construction and prior to final release. In addition, Engineering is responsible for the daily inspection of all ongoing roadway and utility work being performed in the various subdivisions and at construction sites, as well as the final inspection of each subdivision and the development of a punch list for completion prior to the final surety release.

As of November 1, 2000, the Town of Stoneham purchased the 1,560 streetlights in Town from N Star (formerly Boston Edison Company). Upgrades, additions, and repairs will now be performed by way of a contract with Wakefield Municipal Light Department. Nearly all maintenance issues are resolved in a timely fashion, the exception being problems with direct bury wiring from the early 1980's. Trenching and conduit installation to repair several longstanding outages will be accomplished as funding allows.

The Cross Connection Control program was initiated in 1992 in order to comply with the applicable provisions of Public Law 93-523, the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974; and Massachusetts Regulation 310 CMR, Section 22.22, Protection of Sources of Water. Beta Programs International, Inc., is providing continuing computer and device testing services.

Acting in their capacity as consultants, the Engineers are continuously called upon to assist in the development and review of the plans for the many specialized projects undertaken by the Town.

Engineering continues working with and administering the contracts of various consulting engineering firms. Among the consulting firms are:

1. Beta Programs International, Inc. (Cross Connection Control)
2. Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. (Sewer System Evaluation and Improvements)
3. Tremco Roofing (Roof Evaluations)
4. Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.(Franklin Street Design)
5. R.J. Sopper Testing Co. (Water Lak Detection Survey)
6. Fay, Spofford and Thorndike, Inc. (Maple Street culvert replacement, Oak Street drain design and bid, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit)

7. Various Architects/Engineers for New School Construction.

The Sewer System Evaluation Study referred to above is being accomplished at least in part with funding from grants. A great deal of time is spent applying for and administering these evaluation and construction grant awards and submitting the appropriate reimbursement request documentation. Additional filming began in July, using aqua zoom to evaluate manholes and line segments for further in line camera work. Approximately 85% of our system has now been filmed in this manner. During 2003, one new pump was installed at the East Side (Rita Road) pumping station, and channel grinders were installed at the Upland Road and Northwest pumping stations.

Significant progress was made on several major construction projects during 2003. The total reconstruction of Franklin Street had been awarded to D. & R. Construction of Stoneham in late 2000. Work was interrupted during 2001 while the gas company (Key Span) upgraded its piping. The project progressed rapidly during the 2001-2002 winter with the installation of most of the storm drainage piping. All of the roadway work now been completed. Throughout this project, the Engineers acted as liaison between the residents, the Commonwealth, and the contractor regarding many issues related to the work.

A second project, awarded in late November of 2001 to R.A.D. Corporation of Hanover, MA, provided for the replacement of the undersized Sweetwater Brook culvert beneath Maple Street. The bulk of this project was to take place during the winter of 2001-2002. However, due to issues related to the relocation of power lines, the project was delayed until late 2002. Work began in late 2002 and was completed during the first six months of 2003. This should help relieve flooding at Maple Street, Montvale Avenue, within Lindenwood Cemetery, and further upstream.

The third major project awarded in late December of 2002 to MDR Construction Co., Inc., of Tewksbury, provided for the installation of new drainage along Oak Street between Royal Street and Myopia Road. The project was completed between January and September of 2003.

A fourth project provides for the installation of sanitary sewer from West Wyoming Avenue to provide service to dwellings on Brook Street. Unfortunately, heavy December snowfalls have resulted in the project being rescheduled for the spring of 2004.

Other significant projects were as follows:

1. Town/sidewalk/curbing installation program and/or Chapter 90 funded sidewalk work.

2. Clean up Spring Lane and Stevens Street storage and recycling yards.
3. Providing appropriate plans and supporting documentation and holding hearings associated with the acceptance of streets as Public Ways.
4. Coordination of the installation, upgrading, and maintenance of street lighting.
5. Leaf disposal program
6. Development of the annual paving program including the submission of various project request forms and subsequent reimbursement request forms related to work being done with state funding (Chapter 90).
7. Administering contracts for the maintenance of the Town Common, Main Street islands, and parks including mowing and irrigation.
8. Snow plow contractor hiring, route assignment, and coordination of efforts related to plowing, salting, and sanding operations.

HIGHWAY

The following streets or portions thereof were excavated by cold planer during 2003:

1. North Street
2. Pond Street
3. Rustic Road
4. Summer Street
5. Sunset Road

The following streets or portions thereof were resurfaced during 2003.

1. Eastern Avenue
2. Manison Street
3. Michael Circle
4. North Street – 2 sections
5. Oakland Avenue
6. Pond Street
7. Rustic Road
8. Summer Street
9. Sunset Road

The following streets or portions thereof were cracksealed during 2003:

1. Berkley Street
2. Boxford Road
3. Citation Avenue
4. Crystal Drive
5. Dapper Darby Drive
6. Drummond Road
7. Drury Lane
8. Essex Street
9. Evans Road
10. Heather Lane
11. High Rock Road
12. Laurie Lane
13. Murdock Road
14. Overlook Road
15. Pamela Circle
16. Pebble Place
17. Skywood Drive
18. Sparhawk Circle
19. Tedford Drive
20. Whittemore Lane

SHADE TREE PROGRAM

This relatively new program has continued to grow in popularity. During 2003, over 100 locations were evaluated, at homeowner's requests, to determine suitability for planting. Considerations included sidewalk locations, proximity to other trees, and utility locations. Ultimately, 47 locations were deemed suitable and trees were planted at those locations. In addition, 50 trees were planted along Franklin Street in conjunction with the reconstruction.

SIDWALK/ACCESSIBILITY

Fiscal constraints resulted in the elimination of our sidewalk program of recent years. Consequently, sidewalk work accomplished during 2003 was only that related to roadway resurfacing projects.

In conjunction with our resurfacing program, bituminous and cement concrete sidewalks on parts of the following streets were removed and replaced or resurfaced. Some of the work was performed by Town forces and some by our contractor, D & R General Contracting of Stoneham.

1. Benton Street
2. Chestnut Street
3. Cottage Street
4. Lindenwood Road
5. Pond Street
6. Warren Street

HIGHWAY — Paving by Contractor during 2003

1. Stonecroft Avenue

CATCH BASIN CLEANING

Approximately 2,000 catch basins and drain manholes were cleaned by Lloyd Truax and Co., Inc., of Foxboro, Massachusetts. The key to a trouble-free drainage system is the timely sweeping of all streets in early spring, followed immediately by the cleaning of all catch basins to remove winter sand and other debris. Due to fiscal constraints, sweeping services were provided only by our own sweeper, thus extending the time to complete the project. Experience has shown that it is much easier to remove foreign materials from street surfaces and catch basins than it is from storm drainage piping. A well-timed program minimizes flooding in streets and on private property by keeping the storm drainage system free of sand and debris.

TRAFFIC LINE PAINTING AND SIGNAL MAINTENANCE

1. Markings, Inc., of Pembroke, Massachusetts, provides line, word and symbol painting. In conjunction with our line-painting program and to improve visibility, some crosswalks were painted bright blue prior to school opening in September.
2. Traffic signal maintenance was provided by Electric Light Company, Inc., of Cape Neddick, Maine.

DRAIN CONSTRUCTION BY TOWN

1. The replacement of Maple Street culvert was completed during the spring.

2. The Oak Street drain project was completed during the summer. Major components of this project included 1,330 feet of 36 inch reinforced concrete pipe, 976 feet of 30 inch reinforced concrete pipe, 11 drain manholes (3 over 18 feet deep), and 933 feet of 8 inch P.V.C. sanitary sewer pipe.

SEWER CONSTRUCTION BY TOWN

1. Oak Street (2 segments)-933 feet of 8 inch P.V.C. and 5 sewer manholes.

SEWER CONSTRUCTION BY CONTRACTOR

1. Stonecroft Avenue-225 feet of 8 inch P.V.C. and 1 sewer manhole

WATER CONSTRUCTION BY TOWN

		Size	Length	Gates	Hydrants
1.	Albion Avenue-Elm Street northerly	8 inch	465 feet	2	0
2.	Oak Street	12 inch	20 feet	2	0
3.	Newcomb Road-Perkins Street southerly	8 inch	718 feet	3	1
4.	Emerald Court	8 inch	541 feet	1	1
5.	Garfield Avenue	6 inch	185 feet	1	0

In addition, services on Elm Street between Main Street and William Street were disconnected from the old 6-inch main and tied into the 12 inch main to facilitate the abandonment of the old 6" pipe. Similar work was performed on William Street from West Street to Cottage Street so as to remove the old 6-inch main from service.

WATER CONSTRUCTION BY CONTRACTOR

		Size	Length	Gates	Hydrants
1.	Stonecroft Avenue	8"	260'	2	1

SNOW FIGHTING

The total snowfall for the 2002-2003 winter season was 72 inches. Six storms needed to be plowed, the largest being snowfalls of 17 inches on February 17, 2003; 10 ½ inches on February 7, 2003; 8 inches on December 25, 2002; and 7 ½ inches on January 3, 2003.

CEMETERY

Another new section of Lindenwood Cemetery was made available for sale in the spring of 2003.

Number of lots sold — January through December 31, 2003 — 109

Number of interments — January through December 31, 2003 — 100

TREE DIVISION

The depletion of tree department forces and the multitude of tree related calls necessitated the supplementing of our forces with outside help. In this regard, after appropriate bidding procedures, contracts were awarded to Collings Company and Northern Tree Service, Inc. Over 200 trees related calls were received during 2003.

Trees removed — 40
Stumps ground — 55

MISCELLANEOUS CALLS

The following work was performed by Department personnel in response to phone calls. Department action may have required 15 minutes work by one man, or several days work by three men with trucks and an excavator.

SEWER RELATED CALLS

1.	Main sewer plugs	14
2.	Sewer service plugs	55
3.	Sewer service excavation/repair	3
4.	Miscellaneous sewer calls	50

WATER RELATED CALLS

1.	Water main break	3
2.	Water service repairs including service gates	70
3.	Meter repairs/replacements/readings	625
4.	Water turn off/on	60
5.	Rusty water calls (mostly related to flushing, some internal problems)	30
6.	Miscellaneous calls	110
7.	Hydrants repairs	20
8.	Hydrant replacement/installation	30
9.	Water service relays	20

DRAIN RELATED CALLS

1.	Miscellanous drain calls	45
2.	Drain repairs/replacements	20

MISCELLANEOUS CALLS

1.	Sign installations/replacements/repairs	260
2.	Dead animal pick-ups	140

SERVICE INSTALLATIONS BY CONTRACTOR

New water services	8
New sewer services	12

MISCELLANEOUS WORK

1. Winterize hydrants
2. Sewer flushing program, continuous critical area inspection
3. Install and remove Christmas lights/decorations
4. Repair and fill sand barrels
5. Rake and pick up leaves from Town properties
6. Shade tree program
7. Water meter replacement program
8. Remote reader installation program
9. Weekly recycling program
10. Water main flushing program
11. Clean sump chambers at pumping stations
12. Seasonally change decorative banners along Main Street
13. Replace or repair defective hydrants as necessary
14. Replace damaged and/or missing regulatory and street signs. Add signs as needed.
15. Semi-annual hazardous waste collection
16. Perform maintenance work on the skateboard park. Position and install new equipment as obtained.
17. Clearing critical catch basin grates.

STONEHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STONEHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The 2002/2003 school year was a very productive and successful year for the Stoneham School Committee. The School Committee's Five-Year Strategic Plan continued to provide valuable direction for the development of individual school site plans and the setting of yearly systemwide educational goals.

An overview of the current Five-Year 2001-2005 Strategic Plan includes the following:

District Goal 1: Curriculum

To insure delivery of the most current research-based curriculum utilizing:

- adequate and appropriate texts and materials
- effective, high impact professional development
- accountability through administrative support, monitoring, and evaluation

District Goal 2: Technology

To continue the utilization of technology as a communications and teaching tool that integrates with curriculum in a manner that:

- promotes more effective learning
- reflects how information and resources are accessed, analyzed, and communicated in the real world
- promotes critical thinking skills

District Goal 3: Finance

To implement a budget development and management process that promotes accountability and community support for the Stoneham Public Schools' identified financial needs.

District Goal 4: Facilities

To provide physical plant facilities that maximize the range of learning opportunities through the provision and maintenance of adequate space and equipment.

District Goal 5: Personnel

To develop a five-year plan for the inclusion of additional instructional and support staff to meet enrollment-driven and school committee approved program enhancement needs.

The School Committee continued to identify and prioritize major capital repair needs in each of its six school buildings. Unfortunately, due to fiscal limitations, the School Committee placed a moratorium on major capital repair spending.

In September 2002, the School Committee participated in a four session Collaborative Bargaining Seminar in preparation of opening collective bargaining contract negotiations with seven bargaining unions representing over 350 employees.

Also in September, the School Committee announced that the receipt of a $22,000 Health and Safety Federal Grant allowed them to restore, at least for one more year, the highly successful elementary Health Program.

The Stoneham School Committee also reported in early September that their long-standing goal of providing each school with a full time nurse had been achieved. Stoneham Public School children were serviced by five full time nurses covering the five schools currently in operation. The School Committee Strategic Plan called for a sixth nurse to be hired as the Robin Hood School and Colonial Park School reopened in September of 2004.

In preparation for dealing with a projected fiscal crisis in fiscal years 2004 and 2005, the School Committee initiated the dissemination of 83 letters to all area universities and colleges seeking potential rental income from off-hour use of Stoneham school facilities. This initiative produced a limited response from one or two colleges for graduate level classes.

The 2002/2003 school year involved numerous financial set-backs for the Town of Stoneham and school program funding. Due in large part to dwindling state revenues, numerous state grants associated with statewide educational reform initiatives began to be reduced or eliminated. Beneficial programs that were forced to be downsized included MCAS after school tutorial and summer tutorial programs and an evening school ESL program. Also lost to grant fund reductions were elementary Title I Math Tutors and an Early Literacy Coordinator.

The School Committee's initiative of renting unused schools to raise revenue to offset maintenance costs of all schools was enhanced with the renegotiation of the SEEM Collaborative lease agreements for East and North Schools. The renegotiated leases increased rental revenue by $22,000 for school year 2002/2003.

Under the direction of the School Committee, the Central Office, High School and Middle School Administrative Teams began conducting quarterly meetings with the Chief of Police and members of his administrative staff. The purpose of these meetings was to discuss mutual concerns around building security issues. The meetings proved very productive and provided the administrators with a forum to share ideas.

The School Committee conducted the public hearing on School Choice on April 9, 2003. Once again, the School Committee voted not to participate in School Choice due to a lack of classroom space.

The Spring 2002 Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test results, administered to all students in grades four, five, six, seven, eight and ten in English, Math, Science, Technology and Social Studies, were released by the School Committee in late November 2002 and presented at a public forum in December 2002.

MCAS tests were designed to evaluate each school system's effectiveness in implementing the statewide curriculum frameworks. Year 2002 results, which were the fifth year of administration of this test, continued to demonstrate the performance of Stoneham students in all grades tested to be at or above statewide performance.

The School Committee spent the months of December through May Town Meeting deliberating over their proposed fiscal year 2004 school budget. The final school budget approved for fiscal year 2004 totaled $21,979,138 which represented an increase of $572,291 or 2.67% over the prior school year. This increase required the School Committee to reduce what they had identified as a maintenance level budget by $682,000. This required the School Committee to eliminate twenty-two existing positions from the School Department. These staff reductions included teachers, teaching aides and summer custodial positions.

Due to unanticipated mid-year reductions in Chapter 70 funding, the School Committee was required to return over $100,000 to the town's General Fund at the conclusion of the 2002/2003 school year. In an effort to make these funds available to the Town, the School Committee implemented a freeze in discretionary spending from February 2003. Vacant positions, due to mid year retirements were also not filled.

The 2003 Town elections saw Marc Grimaldi and Marie Christie re-elected to full three year terms. David Sheils resigned his position on the School Committee in July of 2003. At a joint meeting of the School Committee and Board of Selectmen, Kristin Russo, a former member of the Finance and Advisory Committee, was appointed to fill David Sheils seat until the next regular election in April 2004.

At the June School Committee meeting, Marc Grimaldi was elected to serve as Chairperson, Daniel Moynihan was elected to serve as Vice Chairperson for the 2003/2004 school year.

At the final meeting of the year, Chairperson Marc Grimaldi announced the 2003 recipients of the Stoneham School Committee's Crystal Apple Awards. Recipients honored were:

Crystal Apple Awards - 2003

Dan Hogan

Chairman of School Building Committee – completing seven years of school construction at the conclusion of 2002/2003 school year.

William Solomon

Town Counsel. Extremely supportive of school and school building project issues. Accessibility to school department is constant and friendly at all times.

Larry Rotondi

School Safety Officer. Very dedicated to safety of school children. Has helped coordinate traffic supervisor coverage very effectively for three years.
Important: Traffic Supervisors will also be invited in to receive appreciation awards that evening – not Crystal Apples.

Angela Parks

Home Economics Teacher at Stoneham High School from 1978 to 2003 (25 years). Angela will retire this year. Over the years, Angela has assisted with the Park's Place Luncheon for staff (monthly), Senior Tea, Exam Breakfast for High School Students, Exam Breakfast for High School Staff, Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, Senior Breakfast. Her involvement above and beyond her teaching duties has helped create a very positive culture at the High School.

Maureen Soley

Retiring Robin Hood Principal. Thirty two year employee of Stoneham. Administrative representative to School Building Committee for seven years.

Joseph J. Connelly, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Each year five high school students are selected by their peers to represent the views of students at all School Committee meetings. These student representatives receive all non-confidential materials and are encouraged to state their opinions on public agenda items and reports. Although the students do not vote, their views are carefully considered by the town-elected Committee members. The resulting discussions enable the members of the Committee to understand the issues at hand from a student's perspective. In 2002-2003 that perspective included views on courses at the high school, the budget process, grouping procedures, and the MCAS Testing Program. Representing the student body during 2003-2004 are Ashley Sullivan, Alison D'Orsi, Morrisa Higer, Carl LoConte and Anne Catalano. We wish to also acknowledge the contribution of Amy Angelosanto, Lauren Aprile, Karla Corapi, Garin Garagosian and Catherine McQuade who served during the 2002-2003 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT 2003

The 2002/2003 school year could be best described as a year of realizing dreams and a year of new challenges. Much energy and planning was focused on the completion of the final stage of the $46,000,000 elementary school building project. Throughout the 2002/2003 school year, the new Robin Hood and Colonial Park Schools progressed rapidly from rough foundations in the ground to exciting school buildings with very unique styles and personalities. At the end of the school year, the old Central – which had housed the Robin Hood and Colonial Park School populations during construction phase – was officially closed. During the month of June 2003 all staff in each school was kept busy packing boxes and identifying furniture and equipment to be transferred to the new schools during the summer.

Once again, significant personnel changes took place at all levels of the school system, due, in part, to the early retirement programs that had been enacted for teachers and municipal employees. Eleven long-standing veteran Stoneham educators announced their plans to retire at the end of the 2002/2003 school year. In addition, six veteran school department secretaries officially retired during the 2002/2003 school year: Barbara Lawrence, Central Office; Helen Wynne, Central School; Mary Canavan, Robin Hood School; Annabelle Cashell, Athletic Office; Fran Sabbag, Business Office; and Val Wellmann, Media and Technology Office.

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) once again preoccupied much of the time and energy of the teachers and academic program supervisors. Coping with the reality that this "high stakes" testing program would be officially implemented this year, students in grades 10, 11 and 12 – who had not yet passed the Math and/or English portions of the MCAS exams – were offered

intensified remediation and extra help sessions during after school and weekend sessions. By the conclusion of the 2002/2003 school year, only two students out of 198 seniors had not yet passed MCAS.

In July 2002, Mr. Kenneth Ingersoll was hired as the Administrator of School Facilities, replacing Mr. Greg Zammuto who had resigned his facility position to accept a Business Manager position with the Beverly Public Schools.

At the close of the 2002 summer recess, the Stoneham School Department was able to return to the Town $45,000 in unspent funds from the East School boiler replacement warrant article. This was made possible by avoiding the need to remove the existing boiler. Later that year, at the Fall Town Meeting, $32,000 was sought to replace the original slate roof on the East School. The School Committee was pleased to be able to return the unspent boiler replacement funds to offset the cost of the required new roof.

Stoneham High School enrollment continued to climb with a senior graduating class of 198 in June 2002 being replaced by 238 incoming freshmen in September 2002.

2002/2003 also marked the first full academic year of the new Central School, which had opened its doors in November 2001. Much time and energy was devoted to the development of a safe traffic flow and parent and staff parking plan at the new Central School. Eventually, a one-way traffic flow pattern from Pomeworth Street to Central Street was determined to be most effective. Additional parking spaces were leased at a cost of $3000 from the owners of 105 Central Street Office Building. These additional twenty parking spaces proved very helpful in providing parents with sufficient parking to safely drop-off and pick-up the school children.

In January 2003, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Connelly, initiated an elementary school Principalship Search process to replace long-time principal and veteran school employee Maureen Soley as Principal of the Robin Hood School. Ms. Soley had earlier announced her intent to retire at the end of the 2002/2003 school year. The search committee, comprised of parents, teachers, administrators and a School Committee representative, interviewed twelve candidates and recommended six finalists to the Superintendent of Schools. Following additional interviews, site visits to current schools, and public interviews before the School Committee, Superintendent Connelly announced Alice Reilly as his selected candidate to replace Ms. Soley. Ms. Reilly had been employed as a reading specialist, classroom teacher and head teacher within the Stoneham Public Schools for the past nineteen years.

Once again, the budget development process monopolized much time and energy during the winter to spring months. Difficult fiscal conditions in the Town of

Stoneham generated by significant reduction to Chapter 70 state funding, combined with dramatically escalating health insurance costs and building maintenance costs, forced the School Committee to reduce the proposed FY2004 School Budget by $682,000 prior to it being presented at the May 2003 Town Meeting. To accomplish the $682,000 in reductions, the School Department was forced to eliminate many valued programs and positions. At the elementary level, staffing for the health program was eliminated; two elementary reading positions were eliminated; and 1.5 classroom teaching positions were eliminated. Clerical assistants, including four teaching aides, were also lost. At the Middle School level, staffing for a highly successful behavioral management program was eliminated – as was staffing for all after school sports and extra curricular activities. At the High School level, two teaching positions were not funded, plus fifty percent of the extra curricular offerings for the student body. For the second straight year, interscholastic participation fees were increased, requiring students participating in high school athletics to pay a participation fee of $150 per student, per sport.

Several initiatives were implemented by the School Administration to help generate revenue to help cope with budget reductions. The very successful After School Child Care Program was expanded into all four elementary schools – allowing $49,000 in revenue to be used to offset and reduce the cost of instructional supplies within the FY2004 School Budget.

In March of 2003, the School Committee approved a plan presented by the School Administration, to initiate an optional Full-Day Kindergarten Program at a tuition charge of $3,500 per year. It was hoped that this program would have significant educational benefit to future kindergarten classes as well as generate much needed revenue. Following several efforts to promote the Full-Day Kindergarten tuition paying concept, parental response was modest with only seventeen children registered for the 2003/2004 school year. As a result, only one program – to be held at the South School – was offered. Projected revenue of $60,000 was used to fund the salaries of the kindergarten teacher and aide, and pay for start up costs to this new program. Superintendent Connelly reported to the School Committee the first year pilot program would generate a projected profit of $13,000 with these funds being used to further offset the school operating budget.

At the end of the school year, much effort was spent seeking potential educational uses for the soon to be unoccupied old Central School. Area special education collaboratives, such as SEEM and NorthShore, were contacted. At the end of the year, no educational agency had surfaced as a potential long-term tenant for the Central School. The local Cable Access Committee expressed interest in using the gymnasium area of the Central School as a broadcasting studio and office area. This proposal was not pursued, due to the disadvantages of taking the gymnasium and cafetorium of this building off-line for an extended period of time.

In June 2003, it was announced that Mr. Robert McArdle, Administrator of Pupil Personnel (Special Education), had been selected as the Special Education Administrator of the Year by the Statewide Association of Special Education Administrators (ASE).

As the school year came to a close, the career of Principal Maureen Soley was honored by the School Committee naming of the new Robin Hood School lobby in her name. The stellar educational career of former Superintendent of Schools and current Elementary School Building Committee Chairman Daniel Hogan, was also honored by the School Committee with the naming of the new Colonial Park classroom wing in his name. To further pay tribute to the dedicated service the Town has received from Mr. Hogan, the Colonial Park driveway was named the Daniel W. Hogan Way.

RETIREES

A number of veteran staff members retired at the end of the 2002-2003 school year. At the High School the following teachers retired: Mrs. Barbara Gilchrist, who taught art, retired after thirty-five years; Ms. Angela Parks, who taught family consumer science, retired after twenty-five years and Mr. James Romano, who taught social studies, retired after thirty-three years. Also at the High School Annabelle Cashell, Athletic Department secretary, retired after twenty-six years; Ms. Barbara Lawrence, secretary to the Assistant Superintendent, retired after thirty-eight years; Mrs. Fran Sabbag, who worked in the Business Office, retired after fifteen years; Mrs. Val Wellmann, Media and Technology secretary, retired after twenty-five years, and long-time cafeteria worker Grace Lombardo retired.

At the Middle School the following staff retired: Mrs. Joan Apteker, who taught in the Business Education Department, retired after thirty-three years and Mr. Joseph Huff, who worked as a guidance counselor, retired after twenty-one years.

At the elementary level, the following staff retired: Ms. Patricia Comings retired after twenty-five years; Ms. Nancy Mangion, who taught music, retired after thirty-six years; Mrs. Helen Morrissey retired after twenty-nine years; Ms. Maureen Soley, who was principal at Robin Hood School, retired after thirty-two years; school secretary Mrs. Mary Canavan, retired after sixteen years; school secretary Helen Wynne retired after thirty-three years; paraprofessional Pat Swan retired after twenty-five years and paraprofessional Carole Roach retired after seventeen years.

We are extremely grateful for their many years of dedicated service and wish them all the best in the years ahead.

CENTRAL OFFICE

SUPPORT SERVICES

The office of Business Management is responsible for most of the support services for the educational program and is also entrusted with managing the school budget finances and all of the property of the school district. The major support services include food service, maintenance and custodial services, data processing and transportation.

CAFETERIA SERVICES

This department is responsible for providing breakfast at the High School for approximately 200 students and staff, and lunch throughout the system for approximately 1,300 students and staff every day. Under the direction of Diane Grandinetti, Cafeteria Services Director, 25 employees operate a full-service cafeteria at the High School, partial-service cafeterias (some cooking) at the Middle School, Central School, South School Robin Hood School, and Colonial Park School.

Cafeteria Services is operated as a revolving fund entity. Revenues generated by sales to students and staff are expected to cover all expenses, including equipment replacement. This program has, for the past fourteen years, operated totally from its own revenue. However, as our equipment ages, we are faced with more replacement needs. Our challenge is to maintain our level of service in the face of increasing expenses and still keep our prices reasonable. The 2003-2004 school year cost for a Type A lunch is $1.80 (price took effect September 2001).

TRANSPORTATION

In response to budget challenges, Stoneham Public Schools instituted a bus rider user fee that began the School Year 1999-2000. There are approximately 220 students taking advantage of the opportunity to ride the buses. The cost for two (2) buses for the 2003-2004 school year is $71,640. The user fee charged to each student for the 2003-2004 school year allowed us to keep our budgeted transportation line item at a cost of $17,040 for the year.

The transportation function is contracted and we are currently in the final year of the contract. Mr. Gregory Zammuto, Administrator of School Finance, oversees the financial portion, scheduling and all of the transportation issues of this service. Mrs. Jill Kennedy manages the billing and collection process.

SYSTEMWIDE DATA PROCESSING

The system-wide data processing department operates and manages a high-availability database application server that holds the student records database for all past and present Stoneham students. This database is used to store and report data pertaining to the scheduling of classes, grade reporting, transcripts and academic history, attendance, discipline and demographics. The database is accessible from the school, Special Education, guidance and nurses' offices.

The present computer system is a Pentium 933MHz server which provides client-server access to an Oracle relational database via Star-Student, a third-party student records management software product. The data is backed up daily to two computers and tape, and backup copies are kept off-site.

The Data Processing Coordinator manages student data reporting to the Massachusetts D.O.E., maintains the database using Oracle tools and SQL, maintains user accounts and client software, is responsible for backing up the database, trains and supports the database users and creates customized queries and reports using SQL and Microsoft Access software.

FACILITIES AND SPECIAL SERVICES 2003 ANNUAL REPORT

Our mission here in the Facilities/Special Services Department is to ensure that all members of the Stoneham Public School community enjoy a healthy, safe and secure environment while here on school grounds. The ultimate goal for this department is to take proactive actions to prevent any concern or problem from occurring, however, it is inevitable that a concern or problem will be brought to our attention and in this case, we are fully committed to responding swiftly, effectively and professionally.

Fiscal '02-'03 was a busy year for the Facilities/Services Department. Although, we had managed several major projects at various schools such as; Roof replacement at the East School and the South HVAC system, most of our time was spent on minor repairs, mechanical failures, etc. We did employ several cost saving tactics such as; the unification of all restroom or classroom paper & hand soap dispensers and the installation of a new chemical dilution control system.

As stated previously, Facilities/Special Services is committed to taking proactive measures to help prevent any problem or concern from arising and when called upon to respond swiftly, effectively and professionally. It is our strong belief that that environment that we create and maintain has a major impact on all students and staff, therefore, it was our mission last year and it will be again this year; "To provide and maintain a healthy, safe and secure environment that is conducive to teaching and learning."

CENTRAL SCHOOL
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The past school year was very rewarding for the entire Central School community. New programs, addressing learning and academic needs, as well as, social and emotional areas were implemented. The ultimate success of these initiatives was due to the united efforts of the teachers, parents and administration. This long standing, positive combination continues to make the difference.

Total enrollment in January 2003 was approximately 393 students in kindergarten through grade five, increased by 23 students from January 2002. The eight Preschool classrooms, once housed at Central, were transferred to two other elementary schools. Central School housed several different classroom configurations. Models were based upon the academic, social and emotional needs and the individual education plans of our students. We served our special needs population in grades three, four and five with inclusionary classroom settings. Grades three and four also had integrated classrooms with expansion to include grade five for the 2003-04 school year. The remaining classrooms were general education settings.

Central School's vision for the past school year was guided by the goals stated in our School Improvement Plan for 2003. This plan was developed and implemented with contributions from our entire school community including faculty, staff, administrators, parents and students. Our focus for this past year was on the following areas:

- CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE: As demonstrated in our students' report cards and projects, at our Writing Festival in the spring, our grade three standardized Reading test scores, and our grades three, four and five MCAS standardized test results, Central School students attained the academic benchmarks determined by the Massachusetts Department of Education.

- TECHNOLOGY AND MEDIA: Our new facility has offered a wealth of educational opportunities for our children. The Media Center, composed of our well stocked library and state of the art computer lab, made it possible for all our students to have access to the world of printed and internet information. Students from all grades, including kindergarten, have been scheduled weekly for sessions in our library and computer lab.
  Library activities and projects are coordinated by our librarian and teachers and are aligned with the curricula. Computer classes enabled our students to create and design bookmarks, book plates, book report projects, power point presentations, research reports and much more. In the classroom, multimedia presentation stations, have been utilized

by the faculty as additional teaching tools. This technology has been integrated into the classroom instruction and addressed varying learning styles of our students.

- CLASS SIZE: Central School maintained its primary kindergarten through grade three class sizes with 17 - 22 students, not exceeding our goal of 22-24 pupils per classroom. Grades four and five, met our goal of no more than 24-26 pupils per classroom, with classes ranging from 20 – 24 students. This disparity among classes is based upon special education programs at the third, fourth and fifth grade levels.

- SCHOOL SAFETY: A system-wide Crisis Intervention Plan was adopted in September of 2001. Central School developed a parallel plan unique to our own specific safety needs. Each school year, our plan is reviewed for all staff to insure that the appropriate procedures will be followed. Adjustments to the supervised traffic patterns continued to be assessed and altered to insure a smooth flow of arrival and dismissal traffic.

- SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT: Great efforts continued to be made to build a strong, cohesive and supportive learning community that maintained a nurturing, academic classroom environment for our children. Our Core Values of Respect for Self and Others, Responsibility for Our Choices, Kindness to All, Love of Reading and Writing, and Our Best Effort Possible were infused with our everyday work and activities.

- PARENT INVOLVEMENT: Much of our success has been due to the ever present support of our parents and guardians of our educational efforts with their children. Central School's PTL was always ready and willing to tackle any and all tasks requested of them. This vital component of our school community provided monies that enabled our students to interact, during their school day, with Author in Residence, Mad Scientist, Animal Rescue, Native Indians and many more. The PTL funded field trips for our students that provided many opportunities to explore their world and expand their understanding of the instruction presented in their classrooms. Over one hundred of our children's parents have volunteered their time, effort and creativity in a multitude of ways in our library, computer lab, lunch room and in our classrooms.

  Central School and the Stoneham Bank have established a school-business partnership to benefit the academic, social and emotional needs of our students. Thanks to this endeavor our students attend an after school Homework Club that provided teacher assistance to students in need of extra help with homework. The employees of Stoneham Bank volunteer with the Read Aloud program by visiting our classrooms monthly, to read to our students. Our children thoroughly enjoy their visits and look forward to the arrival of these special guests.

Several yearly events were celebrated at Central School. These included Back to School Night, Veteran's Day, American Education Week, National Book Week, Holiday/Winter Program, Turn off Your TV Week, Writing Festival, Memorial Day Remembrance, and Authors in Residence.

During the past school year, the Central School faculty and staff continued to focus on the steady improvement of our students' written communication skills. Additional professional development opportunities were provided by Elizabeth Hastings from ERS (John Collins Writing Process). This hands-on training focused upon teaching strategies and techniques and classroom activities being implemented in the classroom.

The Central School Chorus comprised of 135 fourth and fifth grade students continued to garner accolades for their performances. Their stirring, patriotic performance on Veteran's Day was appreciated by everyone. In December, Mrs. Cline, our music teacher and chorus director, led our students in a fun-filled, diverse and memorable holiday performance.

Our Lunch Buddy program had our younger students in Kindergarten assigned to an older fourth grade student buddy during their lunch time. Our fourth graders eagerly awaited their assignment of their new buddy each September. The program continued to be successful and was another way of instilling our Core Values of respect, responsibility and kindness.

With a dedicated and caring faculty and staff, involved and loving parents and guardians, and a supportive Central Office and School Committee, our school continued to thrive.

COLONIAL PARK SCHOOL
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During 2003, the members of the Colonial Park School Community, as well as the citizens of Stoneham, watched as 30 Avalon Road was transformed from a vacant lot full of bricks, steel beams and construction vehicles to the site of a new, impressive, state of the art elementary school. The new Colonial Park School, which completed the elementary building project, opened on September 4, 2003. Before the first day of school, parents, students, and neighbors were invited to tour the building. Staff members welcomed visitors, answered questions, and described the single floor design and the unique aspects of the school including the science lab, computer room, media center, central courtyard and the belfry.

On October 18, 2003, the new Colonial Park School was formally dedicated.

Three hundred students currently attend the Colonial Park School. Thirteen classrooms buzz with activity each day as students from Pre School to grade five participate in the learning process. For the first time, students enjoy going to the

gym, the art room and the music room for specific classes. The science room contains topic kits with hands on materials for students to explore their world. The media center, with a story alcove, is in use daily as students learn to do research and search for topics in a full service library under the direction of a certified librarian. Both students and staff appreciate the dining facilities and the cafeteria space which includes a stage. At the end of the school day, approximately twenty students attend an after school program that provides child care for students until 6:00 PM.

Colonial Park School welcomes parents to participate in many aspects of the school experience. The School Based Council discusses policy and creates a school improvement plan each year. The PTO provides social and enrichment opportunities such as socials, Pumpkin Night, Santa Brunch, Book Fairs, the Read a Thon and many other activities for all students and their families. The PTO also assists students as they become involved in community service projects which benefit the local community and needy families in other areas. In the spring of 2003, the PTO funded a mural for the lobby of the new school which was designed and completed by the staff, students, and parents of the school community. As the school opened, new committees, such as the Outdoor Classroom Committee, were formed to begin the process of using the outdoor space as a connection to the school curriculum. The Library committee spent many hours entering books into the new Athena Library System.

At Colonial Park, administrators, teachers, parents, and students work together to maintain a spirit of community.

Colonial Park students continue to do well on standardized tests and state mandated evaluations. The Individual School Performance Rating published by the Massachusetts Department of Education states that Colonial Park School has achieved adequate yearly progress, and has met expectations in both Language Arts and Math.

Students in grade three, tested in April 2003, scored very well on the state Reading test indicating that all students achieved proficiency. Curriculum projects, during 2003, included the primary grades phonemic awareness reading initiative and the school wide Mathematics Investigations pilot which began in the fall of 2003. Teachers continue to study new instructional strategies, and professional development opportunities for staff included differentiated instruction, phonics and learning centers, phonemic awareness, math concepts, and media and technology for the new building.

The Colonial Park Community began 2003 in temporary conditions at the old Central School. As the year ended, the staff, students, and families have just begun to investigate and enjoy the unlimited possibilities that the new school provides.

Now, as the new bell tolls each morning, students, staff, and parents meet to Pledge Allegiance and begin the day with a patriotic song. The school is growing and new customs and traditions have reflected the needs of the community. However, at Colonial Park, children continue to learn and develop in an exciting, challenging, environment where they are encouraged to explore, take risks, discover possibilities, think independently, and grow as learners and citizens.

ROBIN HOOD SCHOOL
ANNUAL REPORT 2003

The past year brought many changes to Robin Hood School. We obtained occupancy in our new building in August and had a very successful, smooth opening in September. The Building Committee and the School Committee are to be commended for their hard work in this endeavor. We are utilizing and enjoying every bit our new school.

Other changes include staffing. Our principal, Maureen Soley retired in June and Alice Reilly, long time Stoneham teacher was appointed as principal. Mary Canavan, secretary, also retired and Patricia Corcoran was hired as school secretary. Other retirements included long time teachers Helen Morrissey (grade 3) and Nancy Mangion (music teacher). New staff to the Stoneham Public Schools at Robin Hood are Kristel Ricker and Heather Smith, both working in our Special Education department.

Total enrollment is now 364 students. Currently we house three special education integrated programs at the primary level and seventeen K-5 classes. Average class size is 22 students, although we do have two classes of 27 at the fifth grade level. In addition to the academic curriculum at each grade level, students are enrolled in music, art, physical education, library and computer lab on a weekly basis. Students in grades 4-5 also receive Italian class bi-weekly, which is funded through a grant.

Parental involvement is strong at Robin Hood. Many parent volunteers assist in the building throughout the school day. Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has funded several field trips and has sponsored several enrichment programs at the school. These include studying fossils, electricity, insects, owls, mapping and theatre. Our PTO also sponsored several student/family activity nights, including Back to School Picnic, Halloween Party, Munch With Santa, and a Bingo Night.

We sincerely appreciate the hard work of all our parents, their fundraising efforts, and their strong commitment to public education in Stoneham.

Our School Council has also worked tirelessly on behalf of our school. Monthly meetings were held to implement our School improvement plan. Information forums for parents were conducted on MCAS results and how to help your child succeed, early literacy, technology, and physical fitness, health, and nutrition. The school council developed a comprehensive school improvement plan which is currently being implemented. Our mission continues to develop students who:

- are creative, critical, and independent thinkers
- have respect and tolerance for self and others

* know and apply communication and computation skills
* are healthy and responsible contributors to society

Professional development continues to be an important issue to the staff at Robin Hood School. In addition to working towards their own recertification, staff have participated in numerous courses, workshops, and conferences throughout the year. Robin Hood teachers have enthusiastically participated in our system-wide Early Literacy Initiative and have worked diligently on preparing our students for statewide assessments. The staff is to be commended for holding high standards for all students and helping each and every student achieve.

SOUTH SCHOOL
ANNUAL REPORT 2003

This year has had a number of firsts in store for South School. Each is an example of how Stoneham as a district and South in particular, works with our parents and community to meet the needs of our children and their families.

It is the first year of tuition based Full Day Kindergarten for Stoneham. This program, based at South, has been a great success, with 16 families enrolling their children for a full week schedule, with Music, Art, Library and P.E. The longer day has provided children with greater opportunities for more in depth activities and better coverage of the curriculum.

It is the first year we have offered an After-School Childcare Program at South. This program provides kids a great place to finish their homework, play games, and do fun activities. Children and parents report a great deal of satisfaction with this program.

It is also the first year of our Stop & Shop Homework Help Program. Our newly established business partner, The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company, was able to fully fund our new Homework Help Program this year with a very generous donation of $4320. This program, a major goal of our School Improvement Plan, serves to lengthen the school day for a number of our students, and give them help on their homework. The program, which started in November, has already made a difference. More students are able to complete their homework and are doing better with their grades as well. With the continued help of our School Site Council, we will be looking for ways to bring South and Stop & Shop closer together. We are looking forward to a long and beneficial relationship.

Another first this year is our PTO Mini Grants Program. This program seeks to encourage teachers and staff to plan for events and activities that go "above and beyond" the normal school curriculum and school day. This year, we are happy to announce that we will continue to have our Third and Fifth Grade Math Nights that

have been so popular. We will also have our first Author's Night to focus on student writing in May, and we will be launching keyboarding skills in Grades One and Two using Type to Learn software, as a part of our Media and Technology curriculum.

On the MCAS front, the spring 2003 sessions were the first time every South fourth grader passed both the English Language Arts and Math sections of the test. Overall, we are happy to announce that South has exceeded our goals for the 2003 MCAS, making Adequate Yearly Progress with performance index scores of 91.1 in English, and 86.5 in Math. Staff continues to focus on ways to better prepare our youngsters for these important tests.

Staff continues to seek professional development opportunities in the areas of writing, technology, MCAS, Mathematics, and Early Literacy, as part of our district wide initiative. Our district and our staff continue to do pioneering work in the area of phonemic awareness, utilizing the DIBELS assessment in grades K-2. Staff coordinates a number of extra activities throughout the year, such as our Field Day, Read-a-thon, Math-a-thon, Science Fair, and an MCAS Parent Night.

Our PTO and School Site Council continue to be tremendously positive forces that contribute to the overall climate of South. We continue to offer a full range of school wide activities, such as Holiday Breakfast, Back-to-School Picnic, and Bingo and Pasta Nights. Our Community Outreach effort expanded this year to include a tremendously successful Thanksgiving food drive and Toys for Tots drive, in conjunction with the U.S. Marine Corps. Our PTO consistently provides students with enrichment opportunities through in school visits and performances, as well as educationally sound field trips. The school participated in Fire Prevention Week and the DARE program. The school also continued to offer a full Junior Achievement curriculum, in conjunction with our PTO.

Our Site Council has done a tremendous job in reaching our goals as a school and setting new ones. Our goals for the future are to continue to develop curricula to support our students' continued growth in academic and social areas; to continue to monitor school safety; to develop an effective school website; to continue to train staff and refine our School Crisis Plan; and continue to focus on ways to gain grant funding to alleviate some of our current budget shortfalls.

South School continues in its mission to educate its children in the most complete ways possible. Staff and parents consistently work together to reach our goals. We are fortunate to have so many of these special opportunities to enrich and support the academic and social lives of our children. We will look for ways to continue to do so.

STONEHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL
ANNUAL REPORT 2003

Stoneham Middle School is beginning to show a small decrease in enrollment with just under 700 students enrolled as of October 1, 2003 (235 sixth graders, 230 seventh graders, and 233 eighth graders). There are six academic teams within the school, two per grade, consisting of approximately 115 students each. The teams are associated with colors—Red, White, Green, Purple, Crimson and Blue—and each team creates a team name and a logo. This fosters a climate of school pride and team unity! Each team of students shares the same group of five teachers (English, math, science, social studies and special education) which creates a smaller school within the Middle School. The Middle School's primary goal is to meet the emotional, social and instructional needs of the early adolescent.

In addition, the Middle School offers a complete program of specialty subjects, such as: art, music, physical education, health, keyboarding/technology education, reading and study skills, family and consumer sciences, and world languages (French, Italian, and Spanish). The various curricula are imparted according to the Massachusetts State Frameworks. Lessons focus carefully on the middle school learner—utilizing cooperative learning techniques, incorporating critical thinking skills, and developing the writing process. Students participate in MCAS testing at all three grade levels in the spring: sixth grade mathematics, seventh grade English language arts composition, and eighth grade mathematics, science and technology, and English language arts and literature.

The Middle School community works collaboratively with town organizations, parent groups and local agencies to best meet the needs of its students. The Community Police are a fixture at our school dances, team field trips and project adventure events in the gymnasium. The Stoneham Business and Community Education Foundation provides grant funding for activities such as the Homework Club and school performances involving the creative and dramatic arts. The Stoneham Middle School Parent Teacher Organization fundraises to provide excellent enrichment opportunities for students. The PTO Enrichment Committee initiates programs/assemblies that extend the curriculum beyond the classroom and that inspire our students. A new organization called CPASP (the Community Partnership for After School Programs) has raised over $5000 to restore extra-curricular activities to the Middle School students (Student Council, Media Club, and Math Team)!

The Middle School staff and students continue to promote a number of community service initiatives. Several teams held fundraisers (bake sales, raffles, and hat days) to collect monies used to provide Thanksgiving Day food baskets and holiday gifts and toys for needy children. The Middle School motivates and encourages students to be responsible for their own education, to be thoughtful and respectful of others, and to be competent decision makers in a global society.

HIGH SCHOOL
ANNUAL REPORT – 2003

INTRODUCTION

Stoneham High School's October 1, 2003 enrollment was 881 in grades 9-12. This is a student increase of 27 over 2002. For the 2003 - 2004 school year, seven new members joined the staff: in Mathematics, Jennifer Fitzgerald; in Occupational Education, Cheryl Powers; in Special Education, Darlene Chapman and Linda Domenici; in Social Studies, Richard Harty; in World Languages, Paul Arena, Jennifer Christopher, and Pamela Vasile.

The Saul Weiss Memorial Softball complex was completed during 2003. The only remaining addition will be new junior varsity dugouts that will be done for the spring season, 2004.

The alumni Class of 1982 donated twelve trees to the front walkway and class members planted the trees in October. Christin Oneschuk (Capone) developed and managed this very positive addition to Stoneham High School.

99% of the Class of 2003 completed the MCAS requirement for graduation and attended graduation on June 4, 2003. The Class of 2004 maintained this high record of achievement and a 100% benchmark is within sight for them.

Specific departmental reports outline other projects and achievements at Stoneham High School during 2003.

BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION, FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

- Susan Lacy, Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher, assumed the full time position, upon the retirement of Angela Parks. Sue takes over the duties of the culinary arts class and opens up the year with a luncheon in the new "Culinary Café at 149 Franklin".

- Brenda Tutko, Business Education Teacher, worked with the Chamber of Commerce and Sharon Iovanni running the Summer Internship Program.

- Marianne Perkins has taken over fulltime duties as the Computer Applications/keyboarding teacher at the Middle School and has incorporated many new ideas into the curriculum for our 6th graders.

- Deborah Deacon, Business Education Teacher received her Masters in Education degree and received a Teacher Recognition Award from the Financial Executives International, Boston Chapter, and the Junior Achievement of Eastern Massachusetts.

- The Cookie Company, a Junior Achievement class raised over $1000 to purchase gifts for less fortunate children and families during the holiday season.

- Twelve students qualified and competed in the local and statewide DECA competition held last March. All received competency and one student placed in the top ten in the state in his category.

- Curriculum changes are being implemented in all areas of Business Education, Technology and Family & Consumer Sciences in conjunction with the Frameworks.

- "Parks' Place" our culinary arts restaurant served its' last luncheon of the year and the "Culinary Café" has opened in its place.

ENGLISH

- Ninety-seven percent of the students passed the 10th grade English MCAS. Eighty percent performed at an advanced or proficient level resulting in our highest scores yet. The State rated Stoneham's performance in Language Arts as High with our improvement rating Above Target.

- Twenty-one students took the Advanced Placement test in English and eighteen qualified. Six received the highest two scores of 4-Well Qualified or 5- Extremely Well Qualified.

- Professional development experiences for secondary teachers included training sessions in the use of the Prentice Hall Literature series, LINKS, English Language Learners Institute, John Collins Writing Program, Potato Hill Poetry Workshops, and Harvard University's Teachers As Scholars program.

MATHEMATICS

- Ninety percent of the students passed the 2003 MCAS grade 10 math test and the average scaled score was 246.

- All ten students that took the Calculus AB Advanced Placement test passed. Seven received the highest two scores of 4 or 5.

- Professional development by the members of the mathematics department is directed towards the state frameworks in Mathematics, improving MCAS test scores and using technology in the classroom.

- For the fourth consecutive year Marlena Fecho was the top scorer at Stoneham High School on the American High School Math Competition.

SCIENCE

- With the increased enrolment in the ninth grade. Extra Earth Science and Biology texts were purchased. This will be an issue in all areas of instruction as the population of the high school continues to grow.

- Meg Tabasco from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority again presented several days of classroom programs in our Biology. These programs look at how sewage treatment occurs in the MWRA system. The unit culminated with a trip to Deer Island.

- On returning to school in September, all members of the department were given the updated science safety manual prepared during the summer to assist in making our science teachers more aware of potential safety problems.

- Several middle school and high school science teachers took part in the "Differentiated Instruction" course offered this year, and the "Instruction for All course offered in the fall.

- Several of our science staff have taken advantage of the "Teachers As Scholars" lectures at local universities and colleges and the workshops offered in house. These workshops dealt with using graphic organizers, effective instruction and creating PowerPoint presentations.

- Lydia Breen is on the Board of Directors for the Mass Marine Educators and attended the MIT:Whitehead Institute Lecture Series, as well as the Harvard University Howard Hughes Lecture Series.

- Several science teachers took courses through the Northeast Consortium on astronomy, technology and using games in the classroom.

- The middle school science staff have reviewed the last three years of MCAS questions and created an action plan to enhance instruction in the necessary areas.

SOCIAL STUDIES

- During the past year, teachers worked toward integrating and realigning the Social Studies Curriculum, beginning to bring it in line with the newly adopted Massachusetts History and Social Science Framework document.

- Professional Development experiences for secondary social studies teachers included coursework through: Research for Better Teaching, The Massachusetts Economic Council, The Primary Source and the Massachusetts Historical Council and many local state and private colleges.

- Twenty-six students to the United States History AP exam and fifteen earned a score of 3 or better.

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- 12 students took the Advanced Placement test in Spanish and 11 passed. Three received a 5, three received a 4, four received a 3, and.

- 7 students took the French AP exam and 2 passed with a score of 3.

- 2 students took the Latin AP exam and 1 passed with a score of 4.

- 72 students took the National Latin Exam and 49 received awards:

	Latin 1	Latin 2	Latin 4
Gold	9	0	1
Silver	9	5	
Magna cum laude	9	5	
Cum laude	9	2	

- Pamela Vasile spent two weeks in Italy during the summer and will be returning in February. Pamela also taught ESL to adults on Saturday mornings.

- Patti Nolan took a course through the Northeast Consortium last summer called Teaching Foreign Languages and attended a conference on Active Learning Strategies last spring.

- Kate Lynch was a student intern last year at Stoneham High School and was hired to take over Paige Griglun's maternity leave. Kate traveled to England and graduated from Gordon College in May.

- Kim Willor attended a conference about interactive learning and will be taking a course through Salem State this spring called Theories and Techniques of Supervision and Evaluation.

- Paul Arena taught Italian during the summer at UMass Boston

- Krista Stevens traveled to Costa Rica during the summer. She also took several courses: Differentiated Instruction, Algebra, Middle Math Refresher, and public speaking.

- Karen Lee took a group of French students to Quebec for a 3-day visit.

- Jessica Bethel is working on her Masters Degree.

- Jen Christopher will be starting her Masters Program in the Fall.

- Deb Lynch took 2 courses: American Sign Language and Research for Better Teaching. Deb is taking 8 students to Costa Rica in the Spring.

- Kim Rudner is spending the school year in Italy completing her Master in Italian.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT 2003

The goal of the Guidance Department is to assist each student in becoming an effectively functioning, self-directed individual with a sense of responsibility to himself and others. The major functions of the guidance department are educational, personal and career counseling, and group testing. Special programs are conflict resolution, peer tutoring and peer counseling.

Students in grade two were administered the Iowa Reading Test. Students in grades five and nine were administered the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. Eighth grade students took the Differential Aptitude Test and Career Planning Program. An individual written report interprets the educational and vocational planning implications for each student based on nine aptitudes, the student's educational goals, interests and grades. Eleventh graders were offered the Harrington O'Shea Career Decision-Making interest inventory in the spring. All 11th graders planning to attend college were encouraged to take the PSAT test in October. The College Entrance Examination Board Test is given to interested high school students at Stoneham High four times each year.

The Massachusetts Board of Education mandated state tests (MCAS) were administered to students in grades 3 through 10.

IOWA TEST OF BASIC SKILLS
2003 RESULTS

	VOCAB.	COMP.	WORD ANALYSIS	LISTENING	SPELLING
GRADE 2					
*Test Date/ Grade Level	2.9*	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
Actual G.E.	3.9	4.0	4.2	3.5	3.2
Difference	+1.0**	1.1	+1.3	+.6	+.3

The Grade 2 students took the Iowa Reading test. They scored above grade level in all areas.

* 2.9 = 2nd grade, 9th month
**1.0 = 1 year above grade level

	READ.	LANG. SKILLS	MATH SKILLS	CORE	SOC.ST.	SCI.	MAPS/ DIAG.	REF. MAT.	SOURCE OF INFO	COMPOSITE
GRADE 5										
Test Date/ Grade Level	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
Actual G. E.	7.0	7.4	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.5	7.4	7.0	7.2	7.1
Difference	1.3	1.7	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.8	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.4

The grade 5 students took the full Iowa Test Battery. They scored at least one full year above grade level in all areas tested.

	Reading	Language	Math	Total
GRADE 9				
Test Date/ Grade Level	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2
Actual G.E.	11.1	11.4	10.7	10.9
Difference	1.9	2.2	1.5	1.7

The Grade 9 students took the Iowa Survey Battery, which tested Reading, Language and Math skills. They scored one and one half years above grade level in all areas tested.

Students in grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 took the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System tests (MCAS) in April and May 2003. History and Social Studies scores were only released for Grade 8. Grade 3 took a reading test. The results* were as follows:

	ENGLISH		MATH		SCIENCE & TECH		SOCIAL STUDIES	
	STONEHAM	STATE	STONEHAM	STATE	STONEHAM	STATE	STONEHAM	STATE
Grade 4						**Grade 5**		
Advanced	14%	10%	15%	12%	32%	18%		
Proficient	56%	45%	44%	28%	36%	33%		
Nds Imp.	26%	34%	37%	43%	28%	34%		
Warning	3%	10%	5%	16%	5%	15%		
Grade 7			**Grade 6**					
Advanced	8%	8%	18%	16%				
Proficient	73%	57%	28%	26%				
Nds. Imp.	18%	28%	34%	32%				
Warning	1%	7%	20%	26%				
Grade 8								
Advanced			17%	12%			12%	4%
Proficient			30%	25%			36%	28%
Nds Imprvmt			36%	30%			35%	37%
Warning			17%	33%			17%	31%
Grade 10								
Advanced	38%	20%	29%	24%				
Proficient	42%	41%	36%	27%				
Nds Imp.	16%	28%	24%	28%				
Failing	3%	12%	10%	21%				

*Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

	READING	
	STONEHAM	STATE
Grade 3		
Proficient	70%	63%
Nds Imp.	28%	30%
Warning	2%	7%

The results of the Scholastic Aptitude Tests of the College Entrance Examination Board taken by 83% of Stoneham High School students in the class of 2003 were:

RANGE	VERBAL	MATHEMATICAL
700 and above	6%	7%
600 -- 699	16%	17%
500 -- 599	49%	31%
400 -- 499	22%	34%
300 -- 399	8%	8%
200 – 299	0%	2%

SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST SCORES – CLASS OF 2003

	STONEHAM	NATIONAL	MASSACHUSETTS
VERBAL	537	508	516
MATHEMATICS	523	519	522

The guidance staff, teachers and administrators function as an effective team in placement of graduates. The follow-up of the members of the Class of 2002 indicated:

Four-Year Colleges	68.0%
Two-Year Regionally Accredited Colleges	12.0%
Other Schools	6.0%
Service	2.0%
Employed	10.0%
Other Plans	2.0%
TOTAL	100.0%

FINE ARTS
ELEMENTARY ANNUAL REPORT 2003

Carol Miller and Sarka Plihalova share the duties as members of the Art staff at the four elementary schools. Lisa Cline, and Joan DiCologero teach the Music classes. Nancy Mangion retired after teaching Music in the Stoneham Music for thirty years.

Art

- The creative talents of students at all elementary schools in Stoneham continue to be displayed somewhat sparingly because of the new regulations limiting paper work in hallways.

- Art students at all schools exhibited at the Stoneham Public Library in March.

- Carol Miller is working on a Masters Program in Technology in Education at Lesley University. Carol also worked an enormous amount of time on the Tile Mural Project that she developed for the new Colonial Park School.

Music

- The Music staff attended the MMEA All-State Conference in Danvers, MA and the MENC All-Eastern Conference in Providence, RI.

- The new Wenger Catalogue features pictures of Joan DiCologero's Music classes. A donation of equipment will be made to South School.

- The All-Town Elementary Band Concert in May featured over 80 students. A new user fee has been initiated for instrumental lessons during the current school year.

- Guest brass musician, James Riggle, visited South School in January to demonstrate the trumpet and trombone to enhance a unit of study of instruments of the orchestra.

- Mr. Claude Cobert brought Creative Ears for Tomorrow to the elementary schools with performances of chamber music.

- Each year, the elementary students are entertained at a holiday assembly put on by the SHS Spartan Chorale.

- Lisa Cline attended workshops with the New England American Orff-Schulwerk Association.

- Central School Chorus performed at a Memorial Day program, a Veteran's Day program, and a Holiday program.

- Colonial Park Chorus did the same and also sang at the dedication of the new school.

FINE ARTS
MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2003

Susan Blood and Ben McLoughlin are the Art Staff at the Middle School . Len Simboski, Greg Condakes, and Edmund Grammer are the music staff at the Middle School. The Massachusetts Arts Curriculum Framework continues to be used by teachers in planning their classes.

Art

- Art students continue to exhibit student works in the hallways of the Middle School, although exhibit space has been very limited. Art is created in a variety of media, including drawing, painting, printmaking, paper-mache, and ceramics.

- Middle School students participated in the Art in Our Schools Month Exhibit at the Stoneham Library.

- Lauren Creedon received an Honorable Mention for her self-portrait in the Scholastic Art Awards

Music

- The 7th & 8th Grade Band, directed by Edmund Grammer, along with the 6th Grade Band, directed by Len Simboski, the Middle School Chorus, directed by Greg Condakes, and the Chamber Chorus directed by Robert Lague, Director of Performing Arts, perform a Winter and Spring Concert each year.

- Students from all the groups are involved with auditions for the Massachusetts Music Educators Conference Northeast Junior District Festival Concert. Emily DiPietro represented Stoneham in the Girls Chorus.

- This was the fifth year for the Middle School Jazz Ensemble. Jazz pianist and parent, Mark Kross, volunteers his services in helping Mr. Grammer and Mr. Simboski with rehearsals.

- The Stoneham Middle School 6th grade and combined 7th and 8th grade Bands participated in the MICCA festival.

- The Middle School instrumental lessons now operate with a user fee.

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT
HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2003

The Fine Arts Department has offered a wide variety of activities for students in Art, Drama, and Music. Fine Arts educators have been involved in workshops, exhibits, conferences and courses throughout the year.

Diane Pierce, Danielle Catalano and Jessica Swegel are full time Art teachers at Stoneham High. Edmund Grammer directs the Band and Jazz Ensemble and

Robert Lague directs the Chorale and Chamber Chorus. Mr. Lague is the Program Director for Performing Arts.

Beth Zieff is a Drama Teacher and Guidance Counselor. Danielle Catalano is in charge of student productions. There is now a user fee for Drama Club students involved in the school's three productions.

The Music Parents Organization continues to help the Stoneham Music Performing Groups to operate. The Co-Presidents are Ms. Lauren Murphy and Ms. Layra Myers.

Music

- The Spartan Band performed at football games, winter and spring concerts, and Carnival Ball.

- The Spartan Chorale performed winter and spring concerts and holiday assemblies at the elementary schools, opening of the lights on the Common, and Carnival Ball.

- Students who were accepted to perform in MMEA Northeast District Senior Festival Ensembles were Marlena Fecho, Alison Wilson-Pierce, and Eric Blackman.

- Eric Blackman and Marlena Fecho also participated in the All State Music Festival performed at Symphony Hall in Boston. Eric also performed at the MENC All-Eastern Festival Concert in Providence, RI and the National Honors Orchestra at Ohio State University.

- The Spartan Band and Spartan Chorale performed at Epcot Center on a Disney Concert Tour in Orlando last April.

- Mr. Lague was able to take advantage of Stoneham's participation in the Teachers as Scholars program by taking the course at the Huntington Theatre in Boston. He is also the "Official Organist" for the National Education Association Representative Assembly (Dallas), and the Massachusetts Teachers Association Convention (Boston). Mr. Lague was also the accompanist for the 2003 MMEA All-State Chorus.

- SHS continues membership in the Tri-M National Music Honor Society. The inductees this past year were Brandon Noke, Alison Wilson-Pierce, Aiden Kelly, Tim Donovan, and Alexander Devlin.

Drama

- The Spring musical was Once On This Island , presented by the High School Drama Club under the direction of Ms. Danielle Catalano.
- The Fall Play, also directed by Ms.Catalano was The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe.
- The Globe Drama Competition play from Stoneham was Much Ado About Nothing. Stoneham won a variety of All-Star awards including one for set design and props, and several for acting. Stoneham advanced to the Semi-Final Round.

Art

- Jonathan Palazzo and Christopher Faulkner won Honorable Mention Awards from the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards Competition.
- Daniel Pecci placed third in the National Arisia Art Competition. He was honored with a monetary prize. Dan was chosen to represent SHS at the Art All-State Conference held at the Worcester Art Museum.
- Art from all schools was exhibited in the Stoneham Library for Youth Art Month (March).
- The Studio/AP class participated in a field trip to the Addison Gallery in Andover
- Ms. Pierce took graduate courses at Salem State College, Fitchburg State College, and Framingham State College.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES
ANNUAL REPORT 2003

The district is served by 6.0 FTE school nurses. This is an addition of 1.0 for the 2003-2004 school year. In addition to routine first aid and the assessment and treatment of ill students, they are responsible for all student health records and state mandated health programs and for creating and maintaining individual health care plans for children with chronic medical needs. This year the nurses conducted vision and hearing screenings for 3,003 students, postural screening for 1,640 students, and assisted with 465 physical exams. They administered medications according to school policy and checked student health records for both compliance and follow up of all student immunizations. A free Hepatitis B clinic was again offered to all sixth grade students. A clinic was held at the middle school and the high

school to provide the second measle immunization for students who were not in compliance with mandated state law. An immunization clinic was also held at the high school for students needing an updated tetanus booster. Preschool classes, including special needs students attending South and Colonial Park Schools this year, have been screened according to law, and the nurses participated with the special education team, whenever necessary, for children with medical needs. All new public health immunizations are now being enforced for all preschool students in compliance with new requirements. The school nurses provided emergency care for both ill and injured students and served as a resource for the school staff by providing monitoring and counseling for health related issues. Dr. Marc Pifko serves as school physician for the Stoneham Public Schools and as a medical resource for the nursing staff.

The school nurses assisted with the town-wide Flu Clinic held in October and also offered the flu vaccine to school employees at the various schools.

Our school nurses serve as a resource and provide an important additional link to the community, whether the linkage is to support a parent with an ill child, to answer health related questions, or to assist the Board of Health with community immunizations. The working relationship between the school nurses and the Board of Health nurses has continued to be of the highest quality. This strong working relationship has provided a strong benefit to the town and the schools.

The school nurses have completed the process of reviewing all policies and procedures and will be going to the School Committee to adopt a comprehensive up-to-date policy book which will be available in each school.

The School Department has also become a partner in the Chelsea Health Grant. This affiliation has allowed Stoneham to purchase new computers, printers and software for every school nurse's office. It has also provided for training of school nurses and the purchase of some nursing supplies.

We continue to move forward with the School Department's long-range plan of having a full time nurse in each of our schools.

SPECIAL EDUCATION
ANNUAL REPORT 2003

The Special Education Department is charged with (1) evaluating and assessing referred children to determine if they meet the criteria for special education services, (2) providing special education services, (3) re-evaluation and reviewing student progress and (4) developing educational plans to meet students' needs. This includes students who are hearing impaired, visually handicapped, physically handicapped, learning disabled, multi-handicapped, emotionally disturbed, and/or intellectually handicapped.

The Special Education Department adheres to the rules and policies set forth by state (Chapter 766) and federal (IDEA) laws governing the education of students with special education needs. Under these laws, schools are mandated to deliver services required to assist children in receiving a free, appropriate public education and ensure the maximum possible development of children with disabilities in the least restrictive environment. Under these regulations, all students between the ages of three and twenty-two are eligible for services. The State Department of Education has encouraged outreach to preschool children through early screening, beginning at age two and one-half.

The Special Education Department continues to support pre-referral measures through building-based Child Study or Teacher Assistance Teams that allows for modifications and accommodations of students' educational programs without the need for referral to special education. This is accomplished in conjunction with a variety of interdisciplinary and consultation models provided to classroom teachers by specialists. Special educators also provide services to the maximum extent appropriate within the classroom. This reduces the need for labeling children, often eliminating the need to use a "pull-out" model and thereby reducing the number of referrals to special education.

Another model of service is provided through inclusion classrooms, where a regular and special education teacher co-teach. This allows children who might otherwise be placed in a more restrictive setting an opportunity to be with age-level peers. Our experience with this model demonstrates all (regular and special education) students benefit from the support provided by two skilled teachers as well as the diversity of the classroom. Special education students, in particular, learn more age-appropriate social and academic behaviors and exhibit an increased level of self-esteem. Teachers continually enhance each other's teaching style through a daily exchange of skills and knowledge. The provision of special services within the regular classroom setting also demonstrates the Special Education Department's commitment to the integration of all services to children through an interdisciplinary model. Such a model allows for specialists of speech and language, hearing, vision, physical and occupational therapies to work with classroom teachers and invest the classroom curriculum with services relevant to the child's specific needs within the academic context of the classroom throughout the entire school day. Consultation between specialists and classroom teachers allows special education goals and objectives to be integrated in a relevant, clear and consistent manner.

The array of service provision models within the Special Education Department continues to help reduce the number of children referred for special education. The Special Education Department is committed to reducing the numbers of children identified as having special education needs and increasing children's ability to learn and develop. There continues to be an increase in the cost for students placed in out-of-district placements despite the decrease in the number of students placed.

Transportation costs also continue to rise including a 6 percent increase this year.

In an attempt to contain costs, Special Education continues its membership within the SEEM and Merrimack Education Collaboratives. This provides the district the ability to share, in a more cost effective manner, programs and services to children who may otherwise be place in more expensive and restrictive outside placements to meet their special education needs. The Stoneham Schools' participation in these Collaboratives allows the Special Education Department to take a proactive role on behalf of our special education students.

The Special Education Department continually evaluates the needs of its special education students and uses this information to plan and implement programs that best meet the needs of all special education students.

In compliance with regulations, a copy of Stoneham's Annual Program Plan for Special Education is available in the Superintendent's office for community inspection and comments.

Our October 1st counts had 495 students receiving special education services. Of these, 18 were in collaborative programs, and 19 were in day or residential schools outside of Stoneham.

We did have a significant increase in the number of preschoolers (3 and 4 year olds) referred for Special Education. This large number led to the increase in our October 1st enrollment number.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS 2003

The Physical Education and Athletic Department conducts a variety of programs including, but not limited to, required Physical Education, Adaptive Physical Education, Intramural Programs, and an Interscholastic Athletic program. These programs were planned and implemented to facilitate equal access to program offerings and facilities.

The Physical Education Department presently employs a total of 8.7 physical education teachers:

- 2.4 for the high school - 2 full-time
- 3.1 for the middle school - 2 full-time and 2 part-time .6 and .5
- 3.2 for the elementary schools -3 full-time and .2 part-time.

Our physical education teachers and one adaptive physical education teacher, grades K-12, follow the physical education curriculum and present the proper physical conditioning for appropriate activities and teach skills in a safe and sequential manner.

The current fitness-testing program consists of the following:

- screening test - grades K, 1, & 2
- youth physical fitness test-grades 4, 5, 7, & 8
- health-related test - grades 3, 6, 9, 10, 11, &12

Our objective is to combine assessment of our fitness program with practical follow-up on the why and how to stay fit for a lifetime. Traditionally, 50% of the students passed the above fitness tests.

Postural screenings for students in grades 5 through 9 and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes for all grade 9 students were effectively conducted. Also, an adaptive physical education program that serviced the special physical needs of some students continued with measurable success.

Our athletic program is made up of 22 varsity interscholastic sports, 12 sports for the girls' program and 10 sports for the boys' program. In addition, there are fall and winter cheerleading squads. In total there are 40 High School squads including Freshman, Junior Varsity and Varsity. In the Winter of 2003, a girls' hockey team was started at the junior varsity level. The overall goal of the athletic program at Stoneham High School is to provide equal opportunity for all student-athletes to reach their full potential as members of competitive teams. Each sport and each level of participation has specific goals and objectives, which fit into the framework of the athletic program.

During the past 2002-2003 school year, 773 slots were filled by participants in our sports program (Fall - Winter - Spring). In our senior class of 193 students, 162 students played at least one sport in their careers at Stoneham High School, an impressive 84%.

2002 - 2003 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Boys' Cross Country, Girls' Cross Country, Golf, Boys' Soccer, Girls' Soccer and Volleyball qualified for the state tournament.

- Volleyball won the Middlesex League Championship

- In the winter, Boys' and Girls' Track and Girls Basketball qualified for the state tournament
- In the spring, Baseball, Softball, Boys' and Girls' Outdoor Track qualified for the state tournament.

2003 FALL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Boys' Cross Country, Girls' Cross Country, Boys' Soccer and Girls' Soccer qualified for the state tournament.
- Boys' Soccer won the Middlesex League, Division 3 North, Eastern Massachusetts and were Division 3 State Finalists
- 13 Student-athletes were selected to Middlesex League All-League Teams for the Fall Season.
- Michael DeSantis was named the Boston Globe Division 3 Player of the Year in Boys Soccer
- Jeff Corbett was a state finalist in golf and was named a Boston Globe All Scholastic

SAFETY – ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- safety is an important part of our athletic program. The major items listed below are some of the highlights insuring the health and welfare of our student-athletes:
- students were equipped well for personal safety
- our equipment received proper maintenance
- our trainers from Advantage provided excellent medical support to our students
- our school physician, Dr. Pifko, and the school nurses screened and cared for the physical health of our athletes
- school maintenance workers gave careful attention to the condition of our fields for practices and games
- a cell phone and walkie-talkie communication system are part of our emergency plan system to respond to athletic injuries and emergencies and facilitate appropriate care

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT – ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Capital improvements took place to improve fields and facilities
- A new scoreboard was installed on the softball field
- The Stoneham Booster Club supported the Athletic Program through funding of awards and three banquets (fall, winter, spring)
- A major fundraiser was run again by the Booster Club to support the athletic program at Stoneham High School

Athletic Summary 2003

Sport	Year	Athlete	Won	Lost	Tied	Coach	Season
Cheerleading-Fall	02-03	19				Eileen DiLisio	Fall
Cross Country (B)	02-03	15	8	1		Phil Riley	Fall
Cross Country (G)	02-03	13	7	2		Kevin Norton	Fall
Field Hockey (V/JV/F)	02-03	38	3	15	1	Cindy Carbone	Fall
Football (V/JV/F)	02-03	72	2	7		Bob Powers	Fall
Golf	02-03	12	3	6		Bill Seabury	Fall
Soccer (B) (V/JV/F)	02-03	55	13	1	4	Jim Carino	Fall
Soccer (G) (V/JV/F)	02-03	56	6	6	6	Sharon Chapman	Fall
Swimming (Co-op Melrose)	02-03	17	3	4		Deb Deacon	Fall
Volleyball (V/JV)	02-03	28	7	1		Kevin Russell	Fall
Basketball (B) (V/JV/F)	02-03	37	4	14		Bill Killilea	Winter
Basketball (G) (V/JV/F)	02-03	37	4	14		Kevin Phelan	Winter
Cheerleading - Winter	02-03	20				Lisa Walsh	Winter
Gymnastics	02-03	16	0	6		Danielle Boyd	Winter
Ice Hockey (V/JV)	02-03	31	5	12	1	Bob Carr	Winter
Track - Winter (B)	02-03	57	7	2		Bob Powers	Winter
Track - Winter (G)	02-03	22	3	6		Kevin Norton	Winter
Baseball (V/JV/F)	02-03	37	10	8		Bill Seabury	Spring
Softball (V/JV/F)	02-03	31	9	9		Tom Johnson	Spring
Tennis (B)	02-03	11	2	16		Paul Atkinson	Spring
Tennis (G)	02-03	18	5	13		Jim Carino	Spring
Track - Spring (B)	02-03	80	8	1		Bob Powers	Spring
Track - Spring (G)	02-03	51	7	2		Jerry Bailey	Spring
Total Participation		**773**					

Sport	Year	Athlete	Won	Lost	Tied	Coach	Season
Cheerleading-Fall	03-04	17				Eileen DiLisio	Fall
Cross Country (B)	03-04	20	5	4		Phil Riley	Fall
Cross Country (G)	03-04	12	5	4		Kevin Norton	Fall
Field Hockey (V/JV/F)	03-04	30	2	10	6	Katie Peron	Fall
Football (V/JV/F)	03-04	72	2	7		Bob Powers	Fall
Golf	03-04	12	1	8		Bill Seabury	Fall
Soccer (B) (V/JV/F)	03-04	50	16	1	1	Jim Carino	Fall
Soccer (G) (V/JV/F)	03-04	61	7	7	4	Sharon Chapman	Fall
Swimming	03-04	30	1	7		Rourke/Yeager	Fall
Volleyball (V/JV)	03-04	27	1	7		Paul Hardy	Fall

MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
ANNUAL REPORT 2003

Computer technology in Stoneham Public Schools' classrooms has become as common as the pen and paper. Computers require continual maintenance, upgrade and repair. Stoneham has one computer technician shared between all six schools, who does an excellent job of keeping over seven hundred and fifty computers running and online.

During the summer of 2003, with the opening of two new elementary schools, we added another two hundred and forty computers to our schools. Stoneham's four new elementary schools have state-of-the-art networks and computer technology.

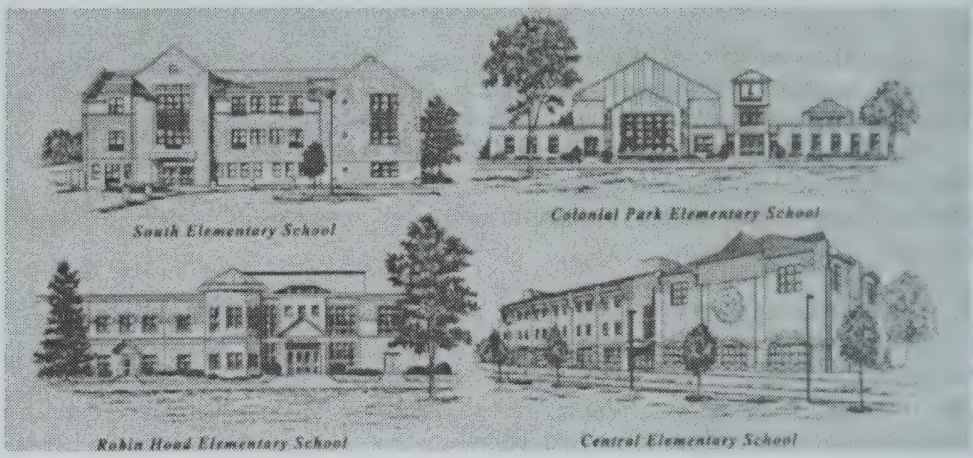
We continue to provide staff training in the form of technology workshops, individual training sessions and graduate level courses in technology integration. Most of Stoneham's professional staff has attended some recent form of technical training.

Technology staffing at the elementary schools consists of part-time technology assistants and two professional librarians, who each work half time between two elementary schools. Our middle school and high school have full-time librarians who teach research skills using technology. The high school has one technology/media specialist keeping computers running there.

The technology office at the high school has a new secretary this year as Valerie Wellmann retired after many years of service to the Stoneham Public Schools. Valerie did a wonderful job of organizing the technology department and will be missed.

The future of technology success for Stoneham relies on keeping systems running, continuing staff training, upgrading and replacing old equipment, developing a fiber wide- area network between buildings, and having enough technical support staff to service the networks and computers. It is quite a challenge!

STONEHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ELEMENTARY BUILDING PROJECT



REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

To the Residents of the Town of Stoneham:

The three words that effectively describe the Town Clerk's Office are; Productive, Busy and "Team Work".

Over the counter transactions numbered 6512; of this number my staff processed 700 new passport applications, which translates into $21,00.00 that flows into the general fund of the town revenues. As stated many times, this service speaks for it self and benefits the Town of Stoneham greatly.

When the Annual Census was collected, over one thousand updates were recorded in 2003. The Census is one of the many important functions that the Town Clerk's Office is responsible for and at relatively low cost, considering the size of the town budget. It is a function that Clerks have been required to do for centuries. The census took on a new importance after 9/11; data collected is used in many ways, and has an affect on every department within the Town.

During 2003, we prepared for four town meetings and the Annual Town Election. At the same time, the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Elections Division, began the task on how the Town Clerk Office's would implement the new "Help America Voting Act of 2000" (HAVA) voting laws and what will be their impact. Some of the Federal laws will be in place for the September 14, 2004, State Primary Election, and more will follow in the State Election (Presidential) on November 2, 2004. All new laws are required to be in place by January 1, 2006.

Also, new laws will be in place regarding marriages on May 17, 2004, according to the State Supreme Court. These changes affect all Town and City Clerk Office's throughout the Commonwealth.

Ballot Question petitions and Nomination papers started to roll into our office in November. All names have to be certified in accordance of Massachusetts General Law, and then returned to the petitioner.

As this Office gears up for a very busy fiscal year 2005, with many events and procedures that are mandated by state and federal laws. I thank my staff for their outstanding efforts during the past year, and like to take this opportunity to thank the election workers and town meeting workers.

I would like to conclude by recognizing my staff; Barbara Pollack, Maria Sagarino, Carol Callan and Mary Guarneri, as we work together as a "Team", while always maintaining the integrity of the Office, and acting in the best interest of the Town.

Sincerely,

John J. Hanright, CMC
Town Clerk

2003 BREAKDOWN OF FEES COLLECTED

Description of Sales	Transactions	Town Fee	State Fee	Town Fee	Total Sale
Business Certificate List	1	$25.00			$25.00
Business Certificate Update	2	$10.00			$10.00
Birth Certificate - Short	829	$3,080.00			$3,980.00
Birth Certificate - Long	1216	$12,160.00			$12,160.00
Birth Certificate - Amended	5	$135.00			$135.00
Business Certificates	134	$3,720.00			$3,720.00
Business Certificates - Changes	5	$50.00			$50.00
Business Certificates - Certified	7	$35.00			$35.00
Certification Letter - BOA	45	$416.00			$416.00
Certification Letter - BOS	1	$8.00			$8.00
Certification Letter - PB	4	$40.00			$40.00
Copies of Documents	419	$209.50			$209.50
Dog License	57	$627.00			$627.00
Dog License - Spayed/Neutered	587	$4,109.00			$4,109.00
Dog List	2	$50.00			$50.00
Death Certificate	919	$6,820.00			$6,820.00
Duplicate Sporting License	1		$2.50		$2.50
Resident Fishing License	112	$56.00	$2,464.00	$112.00	$2,632.00
Resident Fishing - Minor	5	$2.50	$30.00	$5.00	$37.50
Resident Fishing - 65-69	10	$5.00	$107.50	$10.00	$122.50
Resident Fishing>70 or Handi	31				$0.00
Non-Resident Fishing	2	$1.00	$64.00	$2.00	$67.00
Non-Resident Fishing-3 day	1	$0.50	$18.00	$1.00	$19.50
Resident Citizen Hunting	28	$14.00	$616.00	$28.00	$658.00
Resident Hunting 65-69	3	$1.50	$32.25	$3.00	$36.75
Resident Hunting Paraplegic	3				
Resident Alien Hunting	1	$0.50	$22.00	$1.00	$23.50
Non-Resident Hunting Big Game	1	$0.50	$94.00	$1.00	$95.50

Description of Sales	Transactions	Town Fee	State Fee	Town Fee	Total Sale
Kennel License	8	$200.00			$200.00
Archery Stamp	20	$2.00	$100.00		$102.00
Waterfowl Stamp	8	$2.00	$38.00		$40.00
Primitive Firearms Stamps	23	$2.30	$115.00		$117.30
Marriage Certificate	189	$1,160.00			$1,160.00
Marriage License - Correction	1	$10.00			$10.00
Marriage Intenton - License	87	$2,230.00			$2,230.00
Miscellaneous	11	$100.00			$100.00
Passport Fees	700	$21,000.00			$21,000.00
Burial Permit	109	$810.00			$810.00
Gasoline Storage Permit	19	$475.00			$475.00
Raffle Permit	4	$40.00			$40.00
Record - Power of Attorney	1	$10.00			$10.00
Resident Sporting	26	$13.00	$1,027.00	$26.00	$1,066.00
Resident Sporting 65-69	3	$1.50	$58.50	$3.00	$63.00
Resident Citizen>70	31				
Search of Records	1	$5.00			$5.00
Street List	24	$540.00			$540.00
Town Code	1	$100.00			$100.00
UCC - Search	8	$80.00			$80.00
UCC - Copies	143	$286.00			$286.00
ByLaw Violation @ $25.00	18	$450.00			$450.00
ByLaw Violation @ $50.00	90	$4,500.00			$4,500.00
Voter List on Disk	1	$100.00			$100.00
Voter List Extract	2	$20.00			$20.00
Voter Registration Card	6	$30.00			$30.00
Wild. Conser. Stamp (Resident)	188	$940.00			$940.00
Wild. Conser. Stamp (Non-Resident)	4	$20.00			$20.00
Zoning ByLaws	71	$2,135.00			$2,135.00
Zoning Map	16	$107.00			$107.00
Total					$72,825.55

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF STONEHAM FOR 2003

Date	Place of Marriage	Bride	Groom
January			
4	Lexington, MA	Alyssa Christina Devastate	Todd Allen Davidson
9	Woburn, MA	Elsie Susan Vinous	Adel Ojai
25	Stoneham, MA	Cynthia P. Soto	Paul Richard Marescalchi
31	Southborough, MA	Virginia Kay Simmons	Bruce E. Biamire
February			
7	Stoneham, MA	Jill Ann Bertolino	Blair Russell Johnson
14	Stoneham, MA	Christine Catherine Callahan	Timothy Joseph McCarthy
March			
15	Saugus, MA	Christine M. Chiofilo	Keith A. Bishop
22	Burlington, MA	Michelle Ann Ramsell	Scott Patrick Cullen
22	Winchester, MA	Julie Cassell Davidson	Christopher Roscoe Fisher
22	Stoneham, MA	Michele Jeanne Widmer	John J. Malley
April			
12	Stoneham, MA	Susan Evelyn Demetri	Ronald Michael Dulcua
12	Stoneham, MA	Kerry A. Doherty	Shawn B. Valle
14	Stoneham, MA	Concetta L. Alicata	Peter Kallas
19	Lynnfield, MA	Barbara A. Murphy	Walter A. Bazylinski
19	Stoneham, MA	Nancy E. Lentine	Alfred Paul Fortini
26	Stoneham, MA	Maureen Ellen Russell	Daniel Neil Spinney
26	Reading, MA	Joan Beverly Walsh	Charles W. List
26	Marlboro, MA.	Erin M. Monagle	Joseph Francis Lanzi
May			
3	Cambridge, MA	Lillie A. Milliner	John A. Bernard
3	Winchester, MA	Julia Beatriz Moscoso	Andrew Wolbach Devlin
10	Stoneham, MA	Lisa Angiolilli	Alan Anthony Scopa, Jr.
17	Stoneham, MA	Toni Ann diMare	Joshua Paul Mannke
19	Stoneham, MA	Jennifer Marie Savage	Asad Ali
24	Stoneham, MA	Erin C. Shea	Louis M. Calla, Jr.
25	Saugus, MA	Kristina Lyn Rogers	Charles Allen Vestal, Jr.
25	Winchester, MA	Karen Michelle Newman	Alan John Lipay
31	Stoneham, MA	Maureen J. Doyle	Martin E. Mcdonald
31	Somerville, MA	Katia S. Basilio	Eliel A. Da Silva

Date	Place of Marriage	Bride	Groom
June			
5	Woburn,MA	Beth Ann Brown	Benjamin Eli Dedrick
7	Revere, MA	Gina Marie Scimone	Robert Francis Surette, III
14	Malden, MA	Tina Colella	Michael James Atkinson
16	Stoneham, MA	Karine Desloges	Jaime Alfredo Mendez, Jr.
21	Weymouth, MA	Amy S. O'Conner	Everett N. Reddington, III
29	Sharon, MA	Sarah Helen Damelin	Peter Gerard Theriault
July			
3	Stoneham, MA	Karen McInnis	Joseph John Swales
4	Woburn, MA	Traci-Ann Mata	John Charles Martin, Jr.
6	Stoneham, MA	Natasha Anne Wall	Chadwick Edward Winslow
12	Stoneham, MA	Lindsay Eleanor French	Michael John Poland
19	Burlington, MA	Karyn Marie Holsey	William George Bradford
19	Winchester, MA	Lisa DeCaro	George Christopher Demoulias
19	Stoneham, MA	Michelle Suzanne Small	Edward John Geissler, Jr.
19	Fairhaven, MA	Jane Marie Lazar	Andrew William Tucker
26	North Reading, MA	Nicole Grace Davis	Vlastimil Kuchar
26	Woburn, MA	Lisa M. Ferragamo	Louis C. Booras
August			
2	North Readinig, MA	Caroline Elizabeth Pike	Jeffrey David Boucher
2	Barnstable, MA	Kristin Sarah Gagne	Paul Joseph McGrail
9	Stoneham, MA	Patrice Helene Sannella	John Michael Marcella
9	Burlington, MA	Karen L. Doherty	Scott J. Anderson
10	Hamilton, MA	Theresa Christine Barbieri	John Robert Erwin
11	Stoneham, MA	Evelin Caceras	Jose Diaz Opelt
16	Stoneham, MA	Deana Marie Fraser	Steven Paul Longo
16	Cambridge, MA	Christina A. Balian	Robert Paul Antico
16	Stoneham, MA	Julie Maria Wetherill	Dale Alison Douglas
17	Ipswich, MA	Angela Lee Murray	Craig J. Celli
23	Stoneham, MA	Brandi Rhiannon Daniels	Paul Matthew Olson
23	Brookline, MA	Jean Kay Kosch	Scott Michael Fields
29	Woburn, MA	Cindy M. O'Rourke	William E. Conner
30	Stoneham, MA	Andrea Marie Risti	Robert James D'Amelio
31	Reading, MA	Kelly M. Davison	Jason A. Nutting

Date	Place of Marriage	Bride	Groom
September			
4	Stoneham, MA	Michelle Marie Higley	Rolando Mendez
6	Melrose, MA	Jeannine Renee McNaught	David Matthew Reardon
6	Malden, MA	Jamie M. White	Russell P. Loder
6	Billerica, MA	Kimberly A. Savage	James D. McLaughlin
12	North Reading, MA	Stacy Marie Meagher	Joseph Paul Hook
13	Wakefield, MA	Jennifer Paige O'Neil	Glenn A. Perduyn
13	Stoneham, MA	Kim Ann Regan	Dean Anthony Pieroni
13	Stoneham, MA	Karen M. Sabbag	Matthew P. Jennings
14	Boston, MA	Renee R. Caggiano	David J. Berman
20	Gloucester, MA	Jessica Carine Hatfield	David Joseph Guaragna
22	Stoneham, MA	Asmat Riaz	Sohrab Halder Hashmi
24	Stoneham, MA	Cathryn B. Miles	Alfredo Escobar
27	Stoneham, MA	Colleen Rose Cann	Yusuf Yalcin
28	Stoneham, MA	Stacy Ann Keams	Massimo Guarino
October			
4	Freetown, MA	Jeanne Lynn Hamill	Jeffrey Scott Thompson
4	Boston, MA	Mary Jo Freni	James J. McCarthy
5	Danvers, MA	Marie Rose Williams	Edward Allen MacCulsh
11	Reading, MA	Bridget K. Tobin	Christopher G. Davis
12	Medford, MA	Brenda M. McGonagle	Robert F. Bracey
18	Medford, MA	Christina Victoria Battinelli	Joshua Fagner
19	Stoneham, MA	Juliann Diane Limone	Michael Justin Landers
25	Stoneham, MA	Nancy Jean Dunham	Donald William Herd
25	Boston, MA	Amanda Barr Francis	Martin Christopher Murphy
November			
1	Tewksbury, MA	Angela Rosemary Hansen	Keith Laurence Sullivan
7	Stoneham, MA	Donna Marie Ellison	Thomas Nelson Tinker
8	Natick, MA	Deanna Carew Charpentier	Eric Eugene Dolecki
8	Methuen, MA.	Beth Ann Brucato	Gregory John Conant
13	Stoneham, MA	Negin Milanizadeh	Hamid Reza Esbah
December			
6	Westford, MA	Gina Marie Pisari	Zachry Peter Zichittella
28	Stoneham, MA	Danielle Christina Paglioli DeQueiroz	Francis J DeVito

DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF STONEHAM FOR 2003

Date of Death	Name	Age
January		
1	Barclay, Rowena Olive	91
6	Lynch, Jean M.	81
7	Gregorio, Marjorie R.	82
7	Resteghini, Edith M.	82
9	Steams, Hazel G.	89
11	Wilson, Ruth Mary	84
17	Hunewill, Eileen Barbara	78
18	Kelly, Margaret Teresa	44
19	Quinlan, Eleanor Mary	88
19	O'Donnell, Denis Edward	54
19	Eastman, Almena	102
20	Anderson, Margaret H.	98
20	Wood, Ronald Stanley	36
22	Rose, Arthur William	91
23	Fava, Santa M.	79
23	Doucette, Charles Donald	76
24	Murphy, Ann	68
24	Mekbib, Efrem	30
24	Delin, Arthur Harold	74
24	DelliPriscoli, Geraldine M.	82
25	Nowell, John J.	48
25	Murphy, James Lawrence	47
25	Schultz, Edward J.	83
27	Nacopoulos, Mona Lillian	70
27	Neal, Barbara	60
30	Marks, Antoinett Constance	68
31	Rose, Jeanne J.	84
February		
2	Adams, Frank Ross	85
3	LaSpina, Natale Joseph	85
5	Surrette, Eleanor M.	92
7	Pallotta, Patricia	64
7	Ferrari, Joseph J.	90
8	Gaudette, Florence Mary	88
8	Broderick, Lawrence F.	89
10	McKenzie, Marguerite	85
10	Kirk, Nancy Louise	87

Date of Death	Name	Age
February		
12	Scanio, Maria A.	72
12	Mauriello, Joseph	93
13	Coviello, Christopher	87
14	O'Leary, Jane Catherine	92
14	Andrew, Elizabeth H.	81
17	Marks, Leo Joseph, Jr.	77
19	Allen, Margaret Mary	93
21	Cefalo, Louis G.	82
21	Pedulla, Maria T.	82
21	Mahoney, Susan M.	54
22	Greiger, August C.	93
24	DeNutte, William	87
27	Aste, Antonio	86
28	Bonner, Agnes Theresa	79
March		
2	Talieeri, Jennie	95
3	Oteri, Marjorie Estelle	74
4	Hanson, Richard H.	79
6	Johnson, Phyllis S.	93
7	Guleserian, Isabelle	77
9	Ogonowsky, Raymond Francis	66
9	Estes, Gloria Pauline	79
11	English, John Patrick	77
14	Murphy, Margaret Marie	98
17	DiNucci, Dorothy Frances	77
19	Lovering, Marion	91
20	Enfanto, Margaret	98
21	Rowe, Sabrina E.	92
22	McShane, Robert F.	78
22	Cerrato, Carmela R.	94
24	Ciccariello, Susan M.	85
25	Dell'Anno, Gennaro	75
26	Lewis, James J., Sr.	79
28	Christerson, Margaret M.	82
29	Azarian, David	55
30	Hazlett, Lexie W.	95
31	Chiacchia, Loretta Mary	79

Date of Death	Name	Age
April		
1	Sardinha, Joao Jose	84
4	Schiavo, Kenneth D.	60
6	Saitz, Ida L.	101
10	Tully, Charlotte R.	74
11	Ceddia, Maria E.	82
13	Haley, John Joseph, Jr.	79
13	DeCampo, Richard H.	54
15	Donahue, Elonia D.	91
16	Apalakis, Constantine	93
21	McFall, Mary Camille	78
21	Menchi, Ralph	86
22	O'Brien, Mary R.	84
24	McGonagle, John Joseph	88
26	Williams, Priscilla	76
27	Gianelly, Romeo Anthony	88
27	Barter, John F.	78
27	Flynn, John Michael	91
May		
1	Mosier, Paul Raymond, Jr.	74
5	Goshtigian, Diran	92
5	Rosati, Ronald P.	63
5	Giammisi, Angelo Gerard	91
5	MacKenzie, Dorothea	91
5	Westfall, Kenneth John	66
6	Thompson, Florence Gertrude	94
7	Mazzola, Charles, Sr.	87
10	Miele, Meriam Ann	72
11	O'Brien, William Francis	76
14	Doucette, Joan Katherine	68
15	Chiappini, Rita T.	68
20	Lorance, Mary T.	92
21	Buchanan, Elizabeth Mae	74
22	Stone, Marjorie E.	91
23	Boston, William John	73
24	Wilson, Margorie J.	76
24	Tarmey, Ann Mary	72
26	Wallerce, Edith	83
27	Pesaturo, Richard Thomas	83
28	Pierce, Sarah Matilda	82

Date of Death	Name	Age
June		
3	Rocco, Joseph James	56
4	Smith, Geraldine D.	100
5	Corrigan, Mackenzie Rose	3 mos.
8	Baird, Robert G.	76
10	Hughes, Louise C.	85
15	Torri, Robert Bernard, Sr.	71
15	Goodwin, Gladys H.	94
15	Bowser, George Wesley	85
16	DeMoor, Ruth Elaine	67
16	Silbovitz, Roni Lynn	51
18	D'Amore, Americo Marshall	84
19	Struckel, Jean	77
19	Avallone, Eva E.	79
19	Chiappini, Peter J.	38
20	Jones, Deborah M.	34
20	O'Rourke, John Joseph, Jr.	70
20	Murphy, Alice H.	96
25	Reynolds, John Joseph	71
26	Flynn, Mildred M.	91
26	McDonough, Sean Michael	28
29	Murray, Marie Louise	85
30	Halliday, John J., Jr.	80
July		
1	Grossman, Milton	92
2	Kearney, Vesta Ebba	81
2	malonson, Margaret Bernadette	85
2	Xinos, Bertha	81
3	Coccoluto, Anthony	45
3	Athison, Frances M.	75
3	Norton, Norman A.	82
4	McKechnie, Dana Wesley	79
5	Halligan, Mary E.	76
7	Ruggia, Concetta	96
8	Ahem, Charles F.	86
8	Gaw, David C.	76
9	Intoppa, Kathleen E.	82
10	Knox, James Charles	82
11	Cunha, Donald John	88
12	McCarthy, Robert F.	79
12	Meagher, John Martin, Jr.	53

Date of Death	Name	Age
July		
14	Dinis, Valmiro N.	58
17	McCarthy, Judith Louise	65
17	Burke, Muriel A.	83
18	Gomes, Evelyn	91
18	O'Brien, Marie	95
19	Lacey, Mary Ellen	57
19	Davaney, Anna L.	86
25	Spadafora, Elvera	73
26	Curran, Shella May	33
27	Rutkowski, Emelia	88
31	Detato, Richard A.	56
August		
1	Collins, John Francis	80
3	Richmond, Elizabeth Jewel	74
3	Halpin, Bernard Maurice, Jr.	62
6	Catania, Veronica E.	89
7	McCabe, Francis P.	95
7	Lyons, Edward Francis	81
10	Lee, Sung Won	77
13	Goguen, Albert M.	72
14	Hennessy, Lawrence J.	82
15	Gibson, Bernita	83
18	Conceison, Joseph Ralph, Sr.	79
19	Lounsbury, Gertrude Laurette	88
19	Woller, Elmer H.	87
19	Mathey, Edward G., Jr.	85
20	Baker, Margaret Elizabeth	87
23	Scali, Anne	87
24	Carney, William L.	85
27	Johnston, Claire Marie	78
28	Taylor, Gina Marie	40
28	Celata, Carmella	90
28	Perna, Angelo	93
30	Gill, Doris Alice	86

Date of Death	Name	Age
September		
1	Conti, Mary Agnes	75
1	McKinnon, Ronald F.	85
2	Sherwood, Walter Milton	83
3	Kiladis, Elizabeth	78
3	D'Arrigo, Stephen V.	54
4	Distaso, Theodore F.	76
7	Nicola, Emelia V.	67
7	Jivelekian, Helen	88
8	Cole, Betsy Anne	67
15	Indorato, Dolores	70
18	Dooling, Barbara Marie	42
18	Wigandt, Maureen A.	62
20	Silvio, Yolanda Marie	92
21	Gosselin, Frank Joseph	82
22	Ward, Peter Richard	54
25	DiMare, Victor J.	77
26	Laberinto, Lois	64
27	Levin, Leonard	85
28	Fortino, John	85
30	Rotondi, Amelia Josephine	85
October		
3	Agostino, John	96
4	Anselml, Paul	63
5	Kenney, Jeannette M.	63
6	Soderquist, Carl Theodore	79]
7	Cronin, Marian Patricia	86
9	Mandosa, Francis Arthur	60
12	Pepicelli, Anthony A.	66
13	Soley, Margaret Mary	89
13	Keenan, Joseph W.	87
15	Minghella, Attilio Joseph	83
17	Gomes, Muriel	72
20	Doucette, Elizabeth Virginia	77
21	Mills, Lois Marilyn	73
21	Hough, Cynthia A.	47
22	Savelo, Patricia Ann	44
23	Conway, Ann Rowena	73
27	Baxter, Isabel Mona	75
29	Orsillo, Francis	91
29	Trubiano, Romeo Joseph	92
29	Elliott, Baby Boy	48 min.

Date of Death	Name	Age
November		
3	Atchison, Joseph C.	52
4	LaCroix, Charles	81
5	Campbell, Colin Robert	83
5	Eovine, Loretta A.	94
5	D'Alessandro, Jane M.	62
7	Hanson, John Henry	93
11	Perosino, Joseph J., Jr.	53
11	Barclay, Wilfred Martin	88
15	Rucci, William Francis, Sr.	76
15	Dowcett, John P.	79
17	Messina, Marion Helen	86
18	Tammaro, Jane Marie	51
18	Rock, Joseph E.	53
20	Perera, Champa	40
26	Powers, Robert	69
27	Milio, Emma Rose	80
29	Giannelli, Dolores Mildred	64
December		
1	Martin, Marjorie J.	84
3	Vadala, Elizabeth Theresa	81
5	Morrison, Joseph	74
5	Wacks, Anne	86
8	O'Melia, Dorothy	76
10	Hodgkins, Donald Willis	79
11	Ford, Grace Mary	77
12	Dolliver, Madeline T.	73
14	Tiberi, Herman J.	85
15	Tysen, Helen Rosemary	74
15	Santoro, Mary Lucy	66
18	Tortorici, Eunice A.	76
20	McLaughlin, Robert R.	50
20	Gibson, Marjorie D.	80
20	Reily, Richard	54
21	Hanlon, William Peter	76
22	Nagle, Jeremiah Francis	97
22	O'Brien, Elizabeth M.	60
22	Ryan, Teresa M.	64
22	Horwitz, John Jacob	72
25	Roberts, Anna Mae	97
26	Starr, Joseph J., III	82
26	Walker, Virginia Park	75
27	Melanson, Virginia	85
30	Vellucci, Lorenza	89

SWEARING-IN - 2003 OATHS OF OFFICE

Name	Board/Committee/Position	Date Sworn-In
Stefanelli, David J.	Sergeant - Stoneham Police Department	Janaury 6
Allison, V. Blake	Conservation Commission	January 9
Wesley, Robert P.	Temporary Plumbing Inspector	January 30
Surette, Michael	Temporary Plumbing Inspector	January 30
Taranti, Thomas W.	Special Police Officer	February 4
Rotondi, Sharon M.	Permanet Traffic Director	February 6
Whooley, Matthew	Special Events Team	February 19
Hanright, John J.	Master Plan Team	February 21
Bain, Cameron	Master Plan Team	February 21
Kilty, Patricia A.	Master Plan Team	February 21
Bracey, Robert F.	Health Agent/Inspector	Fenruary 24
Wengen, Marcia M.	Master Plan Team	Fenruary 25
Dalis, Christopher P.	Stoneham Police Officer	March 13
Thistle, David	Stoneham Police Officer	March 13
McLaughlin, James	Fire Station Design Study Committee	March 24
Ciccarello, Cosmo M.	Board of Selectmen	April 4
Sweeney, Robert William	Board of Selectmen	April 3
Christie, Marie	School Committee	April 3
Grimaldi, Marc	School Committee	April 3
Celli, Craig J.	Board of Assessors	April 8
Francis, Jane F.	Library Trustee	April 9
DiDonato, Catherine	Library Trustee	April 9
Scullin, John J.	Board of Health	April 25
Rotondi, Michael J.	Moderator	May 5
Mosley, Frederick F.	Housing Authority	April 3
Moreira, Robert E.	Constable	April 23
Kranefuss, Fredric L.	Constable	April 23
Solomon, William H.	Town Counsel	April 23
McKinnon, Robert S.	Criminal Investigator/Stoneham Police	April 15
Ward, Theresa A.	Board of Registrars	April 23
Norton, Paul F.	Criminal Investigator/Stoneham Police	April 28
Gregorio, Richard S.	Finance and Advisory Board	May 5
Vallarelli, Frank A.	Board of Appeals	May 6
Iovanni, Sharon A.	Common Oversite Committee	May 3
Whooley, Matthew	Conservation Committee	May 7
Rubin, Eric	Finance and Advisory Board	May 7
Rotondi, Laurence J.	Water and Sewer Committee	May 7
Wengen, Marcia M.	Historical Commission	May 8
Towse, Daniel C.	Associate Member - Conservation Commission	May 8
McLaughlin, Kevin C.	Alternate - Board of Appeals	May 8
Wallace, Elsie M.	Common Oversite Committee	May 12
Ciccarello, Cosmo M.	Dedication Committee	May 13
Delrossi, Christine	Dedication Committee	May 13

Name	Board/Committee/Position	Date Sworn-In
Willard, Christopher	Historical Commission	May 13
Nicolazzo, Norma	Council on Aging	May 15
Cappannelli, Mary A.	Council on Aging	May 15
Mossali, John	Council on Aging	May 15
Mello, Traci A.	Part-Time Nurse - Board of Health	May 21
Lynch, Sylvia	Council of Aging	May 22
Abbott, William E.	Fire Station Design Study Committee	June 5
Rotondi, Laurence J.	Associate Member - Board of Appeals	June 24
Grayson, James E.	Revenue Generating Committee	June 26
Grayson, James E.	Finance and Advisory Board	June 26
Previdi, William A.	Revenue Generating Committee	June 27
Drummey, Margaret E.	Part-Time Nurse - Board of Health	July 1
Federico, Jr., Frank J.	Planning Board	July 2
Corbett, Richard T.	Revenue Generating Committee	July 8
Rolli, Michael J.	Revenue Generating Committee	July 8
Kennedy, Anthony C.	Revenue Generating Committee	July 9
Forziati, Richard	Revenue Generating Committee	July 9
Sarno, James S.	Arena Oversite Committee	July 14
Visconti, Dennis	Arena Oversite Committee	July 15
Kranefuss, Tony	Sergeant - Stoneham Police Department	July 17
Rubin, Eric	Revenue Generating Committee	July 17
Rubin, Eric	Arena Oversite Committee	July 17
Smith, Charles S., III	Arena Oversite Committee	July 17
Netton, Bruce C.	Town Hall Organist	July 18
D'Angelo, Peter	Temporary Moderator	July 28
Moore, Herbert W.	Lieutenant - Stoneham Police Department	August 1
Nims, Steven P.	Sergeant - Stoneham Police Department	August 1
O'Neill, Robert	Water and Sewer Board	August 5
Haney, Charles	Special Police Officer	August 15
Russo, Kristin	School Committee - To fill out term	August 27
Incatasciato, Joseph V.	Spare Traffic Director	September 17
Bowen, John F.	Finance and Advisory Board	September 17
Buono, Paula	Spare Traffic Director	September 18
Crosby, Margaret L.	Spare Traffic Director	September 23
Wallace, Karen	Spare Traffic Director	September 26
Doucette, Susan K.	Cultural Council Member	October 10
Antonellis, John	Cultural Council Member	October 14
Gordon-Sack, Lori S.	Cultural Council Member	October 14
Haloon, Rosemary E.	Conservation Committee	October 15
Whelan, Elizabeth M.	Cultural Council Member	October 16
Mooney, Anne M.	Finance and Advisory Board	October 30
Luciano, David B.	Lieutenant - Stoneham Auxilary Police Force	November 7
Sullivan, William	Temporary Wire Inspector	December 12
Abbott, William E.	Fire Station Renovation Committee	December 12
Kennedy, Anthony C.	Fire Station Renovation Committee	December 16
Houghton, Janice T.	Fire Station Renovation Committee	December 16

2003 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION \OFFICIAL RESULTS

Board of Selectmen

3 Year Term - Vote Two	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	97	84	74	56	124	75	118	628
Cosmo M. Ciccarello	196	179	209	131	277	195	264	1451
Robert W. Sweeney	177	166	181	139	246	151	260	1320
Dennis C. Bain	71	106	95	61	103	94	114	644
Write-ins	1	1	1	3	0	3	6	15
Total	542	536	560	390	750	518	762	4058
								4058

School Committee

3 Year Term - Vote Two	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	182	180	172	104	252	167	267	1324
Marie T. Christie	180	184	189	145	252	175	243	1368
Marc A. Grimaldi	180	168	198	140	246	172	251	1355
Write-ins	0	4	1	1	0	4	1	11
Total	542	536	560	390	750	518	762	4058
								4058

Library Trustee

3 Year Term - Vote Two	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	149	145	140	78	201	128	211	1052
Jane F. Francis	170	180	201	144	250	184	264	1393
Catherine F. DiDonato	158	142	154	112	218	142	197	1123
Matthew Whooley	65	69	65	56	81	64	89	489
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total	542	536	560	390	750	518	762	4058
								4058

Board of Assessors

3 Year Term - Vote One	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	71	77	57	42	95	69	120	531
Craig J. Celli	200	191	222	153	279	189	261	1495
Write-ins	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	3
Total	271	268	280	195	375	259	381	2029
								2029

Planning Board

5 Year Term - Vote One	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	84	83	82	47	117	79	144	636
Frank J. Federico, Jr.	187	185	198	148	258	180	236	1392
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total	271	268	280	195	375	259	381	2029
								2029

Board of Health

3 Year Term - Vote One	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Tota
Blanks	85	78	73	53	99	77	132	597
John J. Scullin	186	190	207	142	276	181	249	1431
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	271	268	280	195	375	259	381	2029
								2029

Moderator

2 Year Term - Vote One	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	81	82	75	46	110	71	132	597
Michael J. Rotondi	190	185	205	148	264	187	245	1424
Write-ins	0	1	0	1	1	1	4	8
Total	271	268	280	195	375	259	381	2029
								2029

Housing Authority

5 Year Term - Vote One	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	85	76	76	46	102	81	138	604
Frederick F. Mosley	186	192	204	148	273	178	243	1424
Write-ins	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	271	268	280	195	375	259	381	2029
								2029

Constables

3 Year Term - Vote Three	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	290	285	258	172	381	283	418	2087
Michael A. Germano	166	168	188	132	252	161	234	1301
Fredric L. Kranefuss	171	173	183	130	237	162	234	1290
Robert E. Moreira	186	178	211	151	255	171	257	1409
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	813	804	840	585	1125	777	1143	6087
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WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2003

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the **Town Hall, 35 Central Street,** on Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at seven o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles of this warrant:

Article 1. To choose the following officers:

Two (2) Selectmen for three (3) years.

Two (2) School Committee Members for three (3) years.

Two (2) Library Trustees for three (3) years.

One (1) Board of Assessors Member for three (3) years.

One (1) Planning Board Member for five (5) years.

One (1) Board of Health Member for three (3) years.

One (1) Moderator for two (2) years.

One (1) Housing Authority Member for five (5) years.

Three (3) Constables for three (3) years.

All on one ballot.

The polls for the Annual Town Election shall be closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

For consideration of the following Articles, the meeting shall be adjourned to meet in the **Town Hall** at 7:30 o'clock in the evening on Monday, May 5, 2003, in accordance with provisions of Article II, section 2-3 of the By-Laws of the Town of Stoneham.

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall and the checklist showed 293 voters were inside the meeting.

Appointed Tellers: Pat Adams, Donna Hurley, Rosemary Citrone, Mary Zazzara, Betsy Moreira, Bob Moreira, Anna Nottebart, Carol Musto, Martha Porter, Kevin McLaughlin, Carol Callan & Barbara Pollack.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Michael Rotondi at 7:37 PM and the warrant was read.

The Stoneham American Legion Post 115 Honor Guard carried in the flags and helped lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Stoneham resident Joelle Kross sang the National Anthem.

Article 2. To choose all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year in such a manner as the Town may determine.

Board of Selectmen

Article 2. Voted that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to choose all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year in such a manner as the Town may determine.

Majority Vote
Motion Passes Unanimous

Article 3. To hear the reports of Town officers and committees and to act thereon and to choose committees.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. Voted that the reports of the Town officers and committees, as printed in the Annual Town Report for 2002 be accepted.

Motion Passes Unanimous

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of the several elective officers and the Boards of the Town for the 2003/2004 fiscal year.

Board of Selectmen

Article 4. Voted That the Town fix the salaries of the several elective officers and the Boards of the Town for the 2003/2004 fiscal year as follows:

Moderator	$205
Selectmen	$3,000
Assessors	$1,200
Town Clerk	$52,583

Motion Passes Unanimous
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to petition the Legislature to pass an act revoking the Town's acceptance of that section of Chapter 31 of the General Laws of Massachusetts that placed the Town Hall Custodian position in the Town of Stoneham under Civil Service; said act to further provide that said revocation shall apply to any person holding said Town Hall Custodian position on the effective date of the revocation, and that the revocation shall take effect on the passage of the act; or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 5. Voted that the Town petition the Legislature to pass an act revoking the Town's acceptance of that section of Chapter 31 of the General Laws of Massachusetts that placed the Town Hall Custodian position in the Town of Stoneham under Civil Service; said act to further provide that said revocation shall apply to any person holding said Town Hall Custodian position on the effective date of the revocation, and that the revocation shall take effect on the passage of the act.

Motion Fails Per Moderator

Selectmen Charlie Smith attempts to ask for Reconsideration at the start of TM on May 8th because the Town Administrator was out of the room when article was presented. Moderator will not entertain because he was not on the prevailing side. Charlie Smith withdraws his motion.

Moderator Recessed Annual for Special Town Meeting at 8:04
Annual Town Meeting Resumed at 8:51PM

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 22F of the General Laws which authorizes town boards and officers empowered to issue licenses, permits, certificates, or to render a service or perform work for a person or class of persons to fix reasonable fees for all such licenses, permits or certificates issued pursuant to statutes or regulations and to fix reasonable charges to be paid for any services rendered or work performed by the town for any person or class of persons; provided however, that in the case of a board or officer appointed by an elected board, the fixing of such fee shall be subject to the

review and approval of such elected board. The right of town boards and officers to fix fees pursuant to Section 22F of Chapter 40 does not apply to certain limited fees specified in Section 22F of Chapter 40.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 6. Voted that the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 22F of the General Laws which authorizes town boards and officers empowered to issue licenses, permits, certificates, or to render a service or perform work for a person or class of persons to fix reasonable fees for all such licenses, permits or certificates issued pursuant to statutes or regulations and to fix reasonable charges to be paid for any services rendered or work performed by the town for any person or class of persons; provided however, that in the case of a board or officer appointed by an elected board, the fixing of such fee shall be subject to the review and approval of such elected board. The right of town boards and officers to fix fees pursuant to Section 22F of Chapter 40 does not apply to certain limited fees specified in Section 22F of Chapter 40.

Motion to Move the Question
Question Moved
Vote on the Main Motion
Majority Vote Required
Motion Passes Per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the amount of Real Estate Tax due on certain property that is owned, or jointly owned, by a senior citizen; and to petition the Legislature for approval etc., if necessary, or do anything in relation thereto.

John M. DeGeorge et al
148 Franklin Street

Article 7. Voted that the Town petition the Legislature for a Special Act that provides for the intent of the following: Senior Citizen owned property that is the principle residence of the owner(s) shall be taxed at $500.00 less than the applicable "Real Estate Tax Rate" calculated amount; or at an increased reduction amount in the future, if so approved by a majority vote of Town Meeting or a majority vote of the sitting members of the Board of Selectmen, provided that:

a) the principle residence is a single family unit, a townhouse unit, or a condominium unit, and
b) prior to January 1, of the applicable fiscal year, all of the permanent residents are seventy (70) years of age or over; or under seventy (70) but are substantially incapacitated and permanently disabled as determined by federal and/or state laws, statutes or regulations, and
c) all permanent occupants are certified residents of the town of Stoneham, and
d) the tax on the principle resident property has not been, nor is in the process of being, reduced by a Board of Assessors approved Senior Citizen Exemption.

This Special Act shall go into effect, as of, or retroactive to, the start of Fiscal Year "2004"; and shall continue in perpetuity, unless otherwise changed by a unanimous, or a hand count four-fifths (4/5), vote at a subsequent Town Meeting.

The Board of Assessors shall be responsible and authorized to take any and all action necessary to carry out and implement the intent and provisions of this Act.

Motion to Move the Question
Question Moved
Majority Vote Required
Motion Fails per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to approve the provisions of Chapter 184 Section 51 of the Acts of 2002, which amends MGL Chapter 59, Sec. 5, Clause 41C.

(Explanation: this article changes the eligibility and age requirements for the Senior Citizen Exemption by decreasing the eligibility age from 70 to 65; increases the amount of the exemption from $500 to $1000; increases amount of gross receipts from $13,000 for single and $15,000 if married to $20,000 single and $30,000 married; and increases the whole estate limit from $28,000 if single and $30,000 for married to $40,000 for single and $55,000 for married. This will go into effect for fiscal year 2004.)

Board of Assessors

Article 8. Voted that the Town approve the provisions of Chapter 184, Section 51 of the Acts of 2002, which amends MA General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C.

Motion to Move the Question
Question Moved
Vote on Main Motion
Majority Required
Motion Passes Unanimous
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, zoning Bylaw by amending Section 4.15 as follows:

4.15	Medical/OfficeDistrict:
4.15.1	Purpose: The purpose of the Medical/Office District is to provide an area for medical and related services, and to provide for a park-like development of general office, technological and research related uses.
4.15.2	Uses related to the Medical/Office District permitted with Site Plan Approval by the Board of Selectmen:
4.15.2.1	Elder congregate housing.
4.15.2.2	Hospital, related medical treatment, diagnostic care and services
4.15.2.3	Health Care Practice and Services whether offered in an individual or group practice setting, including free standing and mobile diagnostic facilities.
4.15.2.4	Resident care living facility, including without limitation, nursing facility, assisted living facility, hospice care facility and long term care facility.
4.15.2.5	Medical, Professional, Administrative, Executive or Management Offices.
4.15.2.6	Medical laboratories or clinics, dental laboratories or clinics.
4.15.2.7	Clinics licensed by the Department of Public Health or by the Department of Mental Health.
4.15.2.8	Accessory uses incidental to and in support of any of the principal uses permitted, provided that such uses shall be conducted for the convenience of the employees and the clientele of businesses within

the district and are no greater than 5% of the gross floor area of the building in which the accessory use is located. Further provided that there shall be no exterior advertising of accessory uses.

4.15.2.9 General administrative office building or conference center.

4.15.2.10 Research Laboratory engaged in any one of the following: research, experimental and testing activities, and production, including chemistry, electronics, engineering, geology, medicine and physics, but not including biological and/or genetic laboratory or research activity.

4.15.2.11 Accessory uses incidental to and in support of any of the principal uses permitted, provided that such uses shall be conducted for the convenience of the employees and the clientele of businesses within the district, including:

4.15.2.12 Restaurant, public dining room or lunch room, of which the gross floor area of said restaurant, public dining room or lunch room, shall not be greater than five thousand (5,000) square feet.

4.15.2.13 Multi-level parking facility including enclosed and open facilities and above and below ground.

4.15.2.14 Non-residential uses that provide services ancillary to uses permitted in the district including, without limitation maintenance shop, machine shop, water tower, steam plant and power plant.

4.15.3 Uses permitted on a Special Permit Granted by the Planning Board and Site Plan Approval by the Board of Selectmen after concurrent hearings held by the boards:

4.15.3.1 Medical schools, medical training facilities and training facilities for health professionals.

4.15.3.2 Hotels including both full service and extended stay and related accessory uses in support of a hotel such as dining facilities, meeting rooms and shops wholly within the hotel building.

4.15.3.3 Research Laboratory engaged in the fields of biology and/or genetic laboratory or research activity.

4.15.3.4 Accessory uses greater than 5% of the gross floor area of the building. Further provides that there shall be no exterior advertising of accessory uses.

and by amending Section 5.2.1 "Table One-Dimensional Requirements" as follows:

District	Minimum lot Size in Square feet	Frontage lot Width in Feet	Percent Coverage	Minimum Set back in Feet Front	Side	Rear	Height in Feet
Medical/ Office (14)	130,000	150	Note (15)	40	20(14)	20(14)	80

(14) For the Medical/Office District: 200 foot building setback and 80 foot parking setback from Woodland Road. For parking purposes, side and rear setbacks shall be 10 feet.

Charles F. Houghton et al
15 Kimball Drive

Article 9. Voted that the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, zoning Bylaw by amending Section 4.15 as follows:

4.16 Medical/OfficeDistrict:

4.16.1 Purpose: The purpose of the Medical/Office District is to provide an area for medical and related services, and to provide for a park-like development of general office, technological and research related uses.

4.16.2 Uses related to the Medical/Office District permitted with Site Plan Approval by the Board of Selectmen:

4.16.2.1 Elder congregate housing.

4.16.2.2 Hospital, related medical treatment, diagnostic care and services

4.16.2.3 Health Care Practice and Services whether offered in an individual or group practice setting, including free standing and mobile diagnostic facilities.

4.16.2.4 Resident care living facility, including without limitation, nursing facility, assisted living facility, hospice care facility and long term care facility.

4.16.2.5 Medical, Professional, Administrative, Executive or Management Offices.

4.16.2.6 Medical laboratories or clinics, dental laboratories or clinics.

4.16.2.7 Clinics licensed by the Department of Public Health or by the Department of Mental Health.

4.16.2.8 Accessory uses incidental to and in support of any of the principal uses permitted, provided that such uses shall be conducted for the convenience of the employees and the clientele of businesses within the district and are no greater than 5% of the gross floor area of the building in which the accessory use is located. Further provided that there shall be no exterior advertising of accessory uses.

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Motion to Move the Question

Motion for Indefinite Postponement
Requires Majority Vote
Indefinite Postponement Fails Per Moderator

Motion to Move Main Question
Question Moved
Requires 2/3 Vote
Hand Count
Tellers Enlisted

Yes	No
134	94

Motion Fails

Motion for Reconsideration
Requires 2/3 Vote
Hand Count

Tellers Enlisted

Yes	No
136	94

Motion Fails
Cannot be Reconsidered

(Tellers sworn in for the hand count by the Town Clerk- Frances Akell, Annamae Arsenault, Jeanne Craigie, Peg Daniels, Pete Daniels & Marian Towse)

Annual Town Meeting adjourned for the night at 11:12PM to be continued Thursday, May 8, 2003 at 7:30PM

Annual Town Meeting reconvened Thursday, May 8, 2003 and was called to order at 7:42PM

Selectmen Charles Smith immediately asks for reconsideration of Article 5 (as requested in writing May 7, 2003 at 9:24AM) due to the Town Administrator being out of the room when the article was originally presented and voted. Jean Craigie has a point of information, reconsideration must be asked by someone on the prevailing side. Moderator Michael Rotondi chooses not to entertain Mr. Smith's motion for reconsideration and Mr. Smith withdraws it.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, the Zoning By-law map by placing the following described lands in the Residence B District:

Beginning at a point on the Southerly side of Hillside Road bounded and described as follows:

Southeasterly by Number 10 Hillside Road one hundred thirteen (113.00') feet;

Southerly by lots 65 and 66 fifty (50.00') feet;

Easterly by land of Stone Hill Garden Trust seventy-five (75.00') feet;

Southerly by land of Stone Hill Garden Trust one hundred eighty-five (185.00') feet;

Westerly by land of Stone Hill Garden Trust two hundred sixty-five (265.00') feet;

Northerly by land of Stone Hill Garden Trust two hundred forty (240.00') feet;

Easterly by land of Stone Hill Garden Trust thirty-five (35.00') feet;

Northerly by land of Stone Hill Garden Trust nine (9.00') feet;

Easterly by Hillside Road forty (40.00') feet; and

Northerly by Hillside Road thirty-six (36.00') feet.

Charles F. Houghton et al
15 Kimball Drive

Article 10. Voted that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning

Bylaw map by placing the following described lands in the residence B District:

Beginning at a point on the Southerly side of Hillside Road being (81.93') feet west of the Point of Curvature at

the Lot Corner of #10 and #8 bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly by Number 10 Hillside Road (112.69') feet;

Northwesterly by Number 12 Hillside Road (23.85') feet;

Northwesterly by Number 12 Hillside Road (26.15') feet;

Southwesterly by land of Stone Hill Garden Trust (80.00') feet;

Northwesterly by land of Stone Hill Garden Trust (185.00') feet;

Northeasterly by land of Stone Hill Garden Trust (310.00') feet;

Southeasterly by land of Stone Hill Garden Trust (209.73') feet;

Southwesterly by number nine Hillside Road (81.10') feet;

Southeasterly by land of Stone Hill Garden Trust (8.23') feet;

Southwesterly by the Limit of Taking of Hillside Road (40.00') feet;

Southeasterl by Hillside Road (35.48') feet to said point of beginning.

Containing an area of 67,940 Square Feet more or less

Motion to Move Question
Question Moved
2/3 Vote Required

Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered
***Sent to Attorney General June 17, 2003**
***Approved by the Attorney General September 8, 2003**

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 2 as follows:

1. Section 2-1. Exemption of firemen from jury duty.

   Renumber Section 2-1 as Subdivision III Fire Department, Section 10-40.

2. Section 2-16. Creation: Composition: Terms of members: Subsequent appointments: Vacancies, Removal.

   Amend Section 2-16 by deleting the second sentence which reads as follows "The board shall consist of those members serving at the time of adoption of this amendment in addition to any members appointed by the Moderator to fill any vacancies then existing for the unexpired term of such vacancy. As the term of each member expires, successor members shall be appointed by the Moderator for a term of three (3) years.

3. Section 2-17. Other offices held by members; compensation and term of members; organization.

   Amend Section 2-17 by deleting the first paragraph which reads as follows: "No member of the board shall hold any elective or appointive town office or shall be a member of any town committee; except, that a member of the finance and advisory board may also be a member of the collective bargaining committee for the town or any other committee which is appointed for the purpose of considering an expenditure of funds of the town in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000)."

4. Section 2-19. Financial estimates of boards, officers, etc., expending town money-Preparation and filing.

   Amend Section 2-19 as follows:

(i) By deleting the first two subparagraphs which reads as follows:

The various town boards, officers and committees charged with the expenditure of town money shall, one hundred twenty (120) days before the start of the Annual Town Meeting, prepare and file detailed estimates of the amounts deemed necessary for the administration of their respective offices or departments for the ensuing year, with explanatory statements of the reasons for any change for the amounts appropriated for the same purpose in the preceding year.

They shall also prepare estimates of all probable items of income which may be received by them during the ensuing year in connection with the administration of their departments or offices and a statement of the amount of the appropriation requested by them for the ensuing year. Such estimates shall be filed with the Town Administrator who shall transmit them to the clerk of the Finance and Advisory Board, in addition such estimates shall be filed with the Town Accountant under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 59, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(ii) By amending the third subparagraph to read as follows:

The Finance and Advisory Board shall duly consider the tentative budget submitted by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Section 16 of the Selectmen-Administrator Act and may confer with town boards, officers and committees and hold hearings, if they deem it advisable.

5. Section 2-24. Contracts-interest of officer or board making on behalf of town.

Delete Section 2-24 which reads as follows: "No officer or board of the town shall make any contract on behalf of the town in which such officer or any member of such board is directly or indirectly financially interested, except competitive contracts."

6. Section 2-25. Contracts exceeding five hundred dollars; approval of legal form.

Amend Section 2-25 to read as follows: "No contract, involving an obligation of the town, exceeding the sum established by G.L. c.30B, sec. 17 shall be binding upon the town unless it is in writing and is signed by the respective contracting authority. The contracting authority shall make

a record of every such contract. No contract shall be binding upon the town unless it has been approved in writing as to legal form by the town counsel and includes a certification as to the availability of funds by the Town Administrator.

7. Section 2-28. Compensation besides official salary.

   Delete Section 2-28 which reads as follows: "No town officer and no salaried employee of the town or any agent to any such officer or employee shall receive any compensation or commission for work done by him for the town, except his official salary, without the permission of the selectmen expressed in a vote which shall appear on their records with the reasons therefor."

8. Section 2-29. Sales of materials, etc., to own department.

   Delete Section 2-29 which reads as follows: "No town officer and no salaried employee of the town or any Agent of any such officer or employee shall sell materials or supplies to the department of the town of which he is an officer, employee or agent, without the permission of the selectmen expressed in a vote which shall appear in their records with the reasons therefor."

9. Section 2-30. Employment by persons dealing with town.

   Delete Section 2-30 which reads as follows: "Any elective or appointive official serving on any town board or committee or town office, whose employment is such, whether permanent, part-time, temporary or in a professional or consulting basis or having any financial interest in or deriving financial gain from any person whose business, when conducted with the town, requires the approval of or is regulated by any town board or committee of which he is a member, shall, within ten days after either election or appointment to a town board or committee or office or within ten days of becoming affiliated with any person doing business with the town, file with the town clerk the following information: Any financial interest in, or employment by the previously stated person.

   It shall then be the duty of the town clerk to have such reports published in the newspapers of the town within three weeks following receipt of such information.

10. Section 2-33. Notice of required public hearings.

    Delete Section 2-33 which reads as follows: "All committees to whom any matter which requires a public hearing is referred by the town shall give a public notice thereof, stating the time and place of such hearing."

11. Section 2-34. Reports.

    Delete Section 2-34 which reads as follows: "Every committee shall file a written report with the town clerk at least every four months unless otherwise directed by the town. The town clerk shall forthwith transmit such report to the selectmen and the finance and advisory board. The final report for the year shall be made as early as practicable and shall, if the selectmen deem expedient, be printed in the annual town report."

12. Section 2-35. Appointment and duties of organ committee.

    Delete Section 2-35 which reads as follows: "The moderator shall, annually in the month of March, appoint a committee of three citizens of the town to be known as the town organ committee. This committee shall have charge of the town organ, make rules and regulations for its care and use and supervise all repairs and maintenance thereon."

13. Section 2-36. Committees and Certain Boards.

    Delete Section 2-36 which reads as follows: "A member of an appointed Board may be removed for cause. Such removal shall be effected by a two-thirds vote of the remaining members of the Board, but only after the person sought to be removed has had a hearing before the remaining members, at which he has had the opportunity to refute any allegations concerning his membership. The results of the vote after such hearing shall be filed with the Town Clerk. If the vote is for removal, the Town Clerk shall notify the effected member and the appointing authority of such action, and upon receipt of such notification the effected member will be deemed to have been removed from the Board. The foregoing procedure shall not be applicable to members of the Finance and Advisory Board."

14. Section 2-37. Filling of vacancies.

    Delete Section 2-37 which reads as follows: "The incumbent moderator shall be authorized to fill any vacancy on any committee appointed by him or any previous moderator."

15. Section 2-37.1 Appointment and duties of Economic Development Committee.

Delete Section 2-37.1 which reads as follows: "Shall be responsible for developing and promoting all the economic resources of the Town for the purpose of expanding its tax base, shall be authorized to meet with and advise town departments of its findings, and shall annually report its activities to the town meeting. Said committee shall be comprised of seven (7) members as follows: one member each of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors, Planning Board, Board of Public Works, and three (3) members who shall be residents of the Town, one of whom shall have experience in real estate. Initial appointments shall be made as follows: three members for terms of three years, two members for terms of two years, and two members for terms of one year. All subsequent appointments, except for filing vacancies, shall be for three year terms. All existing committees whose purposes are the same or similar to the purposes of the aforementioned committee shall be dissolved."

16. Add the following, as Section 2-33. Committees – Generally

Any committee, excluding the Finance and Advisory Board, formed by town meeting, the town moderator or the board of selectmen shall include and/or comply with the following requirements and provisions:

(a) Mission Statement: there shall be a mission statement established for the committee by the governmental body or official which formed the committee ("formation authority") or in lieu thereof by the governmental body or official which appoints the members of the committee ("appointing authority") (hereinafter referred to as the formation or appointing authority, without reference to the phrase "in lieu thereof"). The mission statement may be amended by said formation or appointing authority as deemed appropriate.

(b) The limit, if any, on the life of the committee (sunset provision).

(c) Members/Method of Appointment: the size of the committee shall be established by the formation or appointing authority. The size of the committee may be amended by said formation or appointing authority as deemed appropriate. The method of appointment shall be established by the formation or appointing authority. The motion for this article may include a method for filling vacancies.

(d) The term of appointment, including whether the term is definite or indefinite, of the members of the committee.

(e) Notice of Committee Formation and Appointment Process: the formation or appointing authority shall provide public notice of the formation of the committee and the appointment date by providing written notice of the said formation and appointment process to the Town Clerk and by publishing notice thereof in a newspaper of general circulation in the town, each no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the selection of committee members. Any details of the appointment process, including qualifications for appointment, if any, shall be provided to the Town Clerk with the above referenced written notice, and may be included in the published notice.

(f) Minutes: Minutes of each committee meeting shall be by each committee to the Town Clerk and to the

Board of Selectmen, and as otherwise provided in the vote forming the committee. Said minutes shall be provided in a reasonably timely manner.

(g) Reports: Every committee shall file a written report with the appointing authority, the town clerk and the finance and advisory board at least once every six (6) months, unless otherwise directed by the formation or appointing authority. The final report in any calendar year shall, if the selectmen deem appropriate, may be printed in the annual town report. The motion for this article will include provisions regarding a final report and a minority report.

(h) Meeting attendance requirements to retain membership, if any.

(i) Meeting with Appointing Authority - If requested by the appointing authority, a committee shall meet with said appointing authority upon reasonable written notice.

(j) No Authority to Expend Funds: No committee shall have authority to expend town funds, nor commit the town to the expenditure of any funds.

(k) Removal: Removal provisions will be included in the motion for this article at the town meeting.

(l) The Town Clerk shall maintain a complete list of town committees based on information supplied in writing by the formation and appointing authorities. (This requirement shall be cross-referenced in Article VIII. Town Clerk.)

17. Section 2-42. Defense and settlement of claims and suits against town; suits to collect sums due town.

    Delete Section 2-42 which reads as follows: "The selectmen shall defend all claims and suits brought against the town, except such cases as relate to taxation, and may settle at their discretion any such claim or suit to which the town is a party and which does not require the payment of more than one thousand dollars ($1,000). Any settlement requiring a payment greater than one thousand dollars ($1,000), except as authorized by law, shall be made only when authorized by the voters at a town meeting. The selectmen shall bring any necessary suits to collect sums due the town."

18. Section 2-47. Prosecution of suits by town; defense of actions against town; trial of cases before tribunals, referees, etc.

    Amend Section 2-47 to read as follows: "The Town Counsel shall prosecute actions or suits brought by the town administrator or a duly authorized officer or board of the town with the approval of the town administrator, and shall appear before any court in the Commonwealth in defense of actions or suits brought against the town, its officers and employees acting in their official capacity or within the scope of their duties. The town counsel shall try cases to which the town is a party or an interested party before any tribunal or administrative agency."

19. Section 2-48. Settlement of litigation.

    Amend Section 2-48 to read as follows: "The town counsel shall not make final settlement of any litigation to which the town is a party, unless duly authorized to do so by the town administrator and/or a duly authorized officer or board of the town with the approval of the town administrator."

20. Section 2-49. Prosecution of statute or bylaw violations.

    Amend Section 2-49 to read as follows: "The town counsel shall, if requested by the town administrator or a town official(s) or officer(s) having enforcement authority together with the approval of the town administrator, represent the Town in pursuing prosecution of applicable law, bylaws and regulations."

21. Section 2-57. Treasurer – Custody of bonds and insurance policies of town.

Amend Section 2-57 by deleting the words "and insurance policies" and by substituting "town administrator" for "selectmen".

22. Section 2-57.1. Interest Proceeds

Delete Section 2-57.1 which reads as follows: "Interest income from grants, in addition to Chapter 90 Highway Programs, accelerated highway, bridge and economic development programs and bond funds shall be used without further appropriation for the purposes that the grants and/or bonds were authorized and such sums to be deposited in the specific accounts for which the funds were authorized. Such accounting for interest income shall be effective January 1, 1988."

23. Sec. 2-58. Same – Annual report.

Delete paragraph (d) which reads as follows: "A list of all insurance held by the town."

24. Article XIII. Gas Inspection – Sections 2-65 through 2-67

Delete Sections 2-65 through 2-67.

Re-number any of the Sections in Article II, as appropriate, as a result of the adoption by Town Meeting of any of the amendments proposed herein.

Or do anything in relation hereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 11.Voted that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 2 as follows, with the strikeouts (lines through the words) indicating deletions and the bold text indicating additions to said Chapter 2.

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 2-1. ~~Exemption of firemen from jury duty~~. **Reserved.**

~~Enginemen and members of the town fire department shall be exempt from jury duty as provided for under the provisions of Chapter 234, Section 1 of the General Laws of Massachusetts. (11-12-73, Art. 7)~~ Renumber Section 2-1 as Subdivision III Fire Department, Section 10-46.

ARTICLE II. TOWN MEETINGS

Sec. 2-2. Annual meeting—Date.

The annual town meeting for the election of town officers shall be held on the first Tuesday in April

Sec. 2-3. Annual meeting—Adjourned sessions.

All business of the annual town meeting except the election and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be elected or determined at the first session of such meeting, shall be considered at an adjournment thereof which adjournment shall be held on the first Monday in May at 7:30 P.M. and on the following Thursday at 7:30 P.M. and every consecutive Monday and Thursday thereafter at 7:30 P.M. until the business before the town in the annual meeting warrant is completed. (4-11-83, Art. 12)

ARTICLE III. FINANCE AND ADVISORY BOARD

Sec. 2-16. Creation: Composition: Terms of members: Subsequent appointments: Vacancies, Removal.

There shall be a Finance and Advisory Board consisting of eleven (11) members, all of whom shall be registered voters of the town. ~~The board shall consist of those members serving at the time of adoption of this amendment in addition to any members appointed by the Moderator to fill any vacancies then existing for the unexpired term of such vacancy.~~ As the term of each member expires, successor members shall be appointed by the Moderator for a term of three (3) years. Any vacancies on the Board other than by normal expiration of a term shall be filled by the Moderator for the unexpired term. Whether the appointment by the Moderator be for a full three (3) year term or to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term, the remaining members of the Finance and Advisory Board shall evaluate prospective members and make recommendations to the Moderator.

After notification properly given to all members setting forth reasons and after a hearing for cause the Finance and Advisory Board, upon a two-thirds vote of those members of the Board present and voting, can request and the Town Moderator can remove a member from said Finance and Advisory Board before said member's term has concluded. Said removal shall be made in writing to the member to be removed and to the Town Clerk at which time the removed member's position shall be considered vacant. (5-8-86, Art. 27)

Sec. 2-17. Other offices held by members; compensation and term of members; organization.

~~No member of the board shall hold any elective or appointive town office or shall be a member of any town committee; except, that a member of the finance and advisory board may also be a member of the collective bargaining committee~~

~~for the town or any other committee which is appointed for the purpose of considering an expenditure of funds of the town in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000).~~

The members of the board shall serve without salary. The term of the members shall commence the first of June following their appointment. Such board shall meet for organization and shall choose its own chairman and clerk not later than the fifteenth day of June of each year. (1932 Bylaws, Art. 2, Sec. 2; 10-18-37, Art. 19; 3-17-69, Art. 19)

Sec. 2-18. Matters to be considered.

The finance and advisory board shall consider matters relating to the appropriation, the borrowing and the expenditures of money by the town; its indebtedness; the methods of administration of its various officers and departments: property valuation and assessments; revenue sources and other municipal affairs; and make recommendations to the town, and any town board, officer or committee, relative to such matters. (1932 Bylaws, Art. 2, Sec 3; revenue sources, 5-4-92)

Sec. 2-19. Financial estimates of boards, officers, etc., expending town money—Preparation and filing.

The various town boards, officers and committees charged with the expenditure of town money shall, one hundred twenty (120) days before the start of the Annual Town Meeting, prepare and file detailed estimates of the amounts deemed necessary for the administration of their respective offices or departments for the ensuing year, with explanatory statements of the reasons for any change for the amounts appropriated for the same purpose in the preceding year.

~~They shall also prepare estimates of all probable items of income which may be received by them during the ensuing year in connection with the administration of their departments or offices and a statement of the amount of the appropriation requested by them for the ensuing year. Such estimates and statements shall be filed with the Town Administrator who shall transmit them to the clerk of the Finance and Advisory Board, in addition such estimates shall be filed with the Town Accountant under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 59, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.~~

~~The Finance and Advisory Board shall duly consider the estimates so submitted and may confer with the town board, officers and committees and hold hearings, if they deem it advisable.~~

The Finance and Advisory Board shall duly consider the tentative budget submitted

by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Section 16 of the Selectmen-Administrator Act and may confer with town boards, officers and committees and hold hearings, if they deem it advisable.

The board shall make a report of the matters so considered by it with recommendations or suggestions relative thereto and such recommendations or suggestions shall be published by the last Monday in April.

Such report of the Finance and Advisory Board, as published, shall also contain a statement of the doings of the Board during the year, with such recommendations or suggestions as it may deem advisable on any matters pertaining to the welfare of the Town. (5-6-85, Art. 29; 5-2-94, Art. 4)

Sec. 2-24. ~~Contracts – interest of officer or board making on behalf of town.~~ **Reserved.**

~~No officer or board of the town shall make any contract on behalf of the town in which such officer or any member of such board is directly or indirectly financially interested, except competitive contracts.~~ (1932 Bylaws, Art. 3, Sec. 2)

Sec. 2-25. Same– Contracts exceeding five hundred dollars; approval of legal form.

~~No contract, involving an obligation of the town, exceeding the sum of five hundred dollars, shall be binding upon the town unless it is in writing and is signed by at least a majority of the board or committee duly authorized or having control of the appropriation against which such obligation is incurred; and such board or committee shall make a record of every such contract in a book which shall be the property of the town. No contract shall be binding upon the town unless it has been approved in writing as to legal form by the town counsel.~~ (1932 Bylaws, Art. 3, Sec 3; 3-15-54, Art. 55)

No contract, involving an obligation of the town, exceeding the sum established by GL. c.30B, sec. 17 shall be binding upon the town unless it is in writing and is signed by the respective contracting authority. The contracting authority shall make a record of every such contract. No contract shall be binding upon the town unless it has been approved in writing as to legal form by the town counsel and includes a certification as to the availability of funds by the Town Accountant.

Sec. 2-26. Residency Requirement - Boards, Commissions and Committees.

No person shall be appointed to or serve on a board, commission or committee of the Town or any other board, commission or committee for which the appointment thereto is by a town board or officer, unless such person is a resident of the Town. Any person serving as a member of a board, commission or committee who, during the term of office for which appointed, ceases to be a resident of the town, shall be deemed to have vacated such membership.

The provisions of this bylaw shall not apply to ex-officio members (including any non-resident town officer(s) or employee(s) representing the Town in such capacity), non-voting members, or members of a board, commission or committee holding such membership at the time this bylaw becomes effective. (5-3-99, Art. 23)

Sec. 2-27. Deleted.

(5-9-91, Art. 10)

Sec. 2-28. ~~Compensation besides official salary.~~ **Reserved.**

~~No town officer and no salaried employee of the town or any agent to any such officer or employee shall receive any compensation or commission for work done by him for the town, except his official salary, without the permission of the selectmen expressed in a vote which shall appear on their records with the reasons therefor.~~ (1932 Bylaws, Art. 3, Sec. 6)

Sec. 2-29. ~~Sales of materials, etc., to own department.~~ **Reserved.**

~~No town officer and no salaried employee of the town or any agent of any such officer or employee shall sell materials or supplies to the department of the town of which he is an officer, employee or agent, without the permission of the selectmen expressed in a vote which shall appear in their records with the reasons therefor.~~ (1932 Bylaws, Art. 3, Sec. 7)

Sec. 2-30. ~~Employment by persons dealing with town.~~ **Reserved.**

Any elective or appointive official serving on any town board or committee or town office, whose employment is such, whether permanent, part-time, temporary or in a professional or consulting basis or having any financial interest in or deriving financial gain from any person whose business, when conducted with the town, requires the approval of or is regulated by any town board or committee of which he is a member, shall, within ten days after either election or appointment to a town board or committee or office or within ten days of becoming affiliated with any person doing business with the town, file with the town clerk the following information: Any financial interest in, or employment by the previously stated person.

~~It shall then be the duty of the town clerk to have such reports published in the newspapers of the town within three weeks following receipt of such information.~~ (3-19-62, Art. 52)

Sec. 2-31. Filing and publication of annual reports.

Every officer in charge of a department shall annually, on or before the tenth day of January, transmit to the selectmen, in writing, a report containing a statement

of the acts and doings of his department for the past financial year; such report shall be printed in the annual report. (1932 Bylaws, Art. 3, Sec. 8)

Sec. 2-32. Payment to treasurer and report to town accountant of funds received for town.

All officers shall pay to the treasurer forthwith, except as otherwise provided by the statutes of the Commonwealth, all amounts received by them on behalf of the town, and make a true return to the town accountant, stating the accounts upon which such amounts were received. (1932 Bylaws, Art. 3, Sec. 9)

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEES

Sec. 2-33. ~~Notice of required public hearings~~. **Reserved.**

~~All committees to whom any matter which requires a public hearing is referred by the town shall give a public notice thereof, stating the time and place of such hearing.~~ (1932 Bylaws, Art. 4, Sec. 1)

Sec. 2-33. Committees - Generally

Any committee, excluding the Finance and Advisory Board, formed by town meeting, the town moderator or the board of selectmen shall include and/or comply with the following requirements and provisions:

(a) Mission Statement: there shall be a mission statement established for the committee by the governmental body or official which formed the committee ("formation authority") or in lieu thereof by the governmental body or official which appoints the members of the committee ("appointing authority") (hereinafter referred to as the formation or appointing authority, without reference to the phrase "in lieu thereof") The mission statement may be amended by said formation or appointing authority as deemed appropriate

(b) Term of the Committee: The limit, if any, on the life of the committee (sunset provision) shall be determined by the formation or appointing authority.

(c) Members/Method of Appointment: the size of the committee shall be established by the formation or appointing authority. The size of the committee may be amended by said formation or appointing authority as deemed appropriate. The method of appointment shall be established by the formation or appointing authority. Any vacancy on a committee shall be filled by the respective formation or appointing authority.

(d) Term of appointment: The term of committee appointments, including whether the term is definite or indefinite shall be determined by the the formation or appointing authority.

(e) Notice of Committee Formation and Appointment Process: the formation or appointing authority shall provide public notice of the formation of the committee and the appointment date by providing written notice of the said formation and appointment process to the Town Clerk and by publishing notice thereof in a newspaper of general circulation in the town, each no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the selection of committee members. Any details of the appointment process, including qualifications for appointment, if any, shall be provided to the Town Clerk with the above referenced written notice, and may be included in the published notice.

(f) Minutes: Minutes of each committee meeting shall be provided by each committee to the Town Clerk and to the Board of Selectmen, and as otherwise provided in the vote forming the committee. Said minutes shall be provided in a reasonably timely manner.

(g) Reports: Every committee shall file a written report with the appointing authority, the town clerk and the finance and advisory board at least once every calendar year, unless otherwise directed by the formation or appointing authority. The final report in any calendar year shall, if the selectmen deem appropriate, may be printed in the annual town report.

(h) Meeting attendance: meeting attendance requirements to retain membership, if any, shall be determined by the formation or appointing authority.

(i) Meeting with Appointing Authority: If requested by the formation or appointing authority, a committee shall meet with the respective authority upon reasonable written notice.

(j) No Authority To Expend Funds: No committee shall have authority to expend town funds, nor commit the town to the expenditure of any funds.

(k) Removal: A member of a committee may be removed for cause as follows:

1) If the committee member was appointed by a board, including the board of selectmen, removal shall be effectuated by a four-fifths vote of said board, but only after the committee member sought to be removed has had a hearing before the board, at which at which the committee member has had the opportunity to refute

any allegations concerning continued membership If the vote is for removal, the board shall notify the Town Clerk, and the Town Clerk shall notify the effected committee member. Upon receipt of such notification the effected member will be deemed to have been removed from the committee.

(2) If the committee member was appointed by the town moderator, removal shall be by the town moderator, but only after a recommendation for removal by a four-fifths vote of the remaining members of the committee to the town moderator. If there is a recommendation of removal, the committee shall notify the town moderator of such recommendation in writing. The decision as to whether or not to remove a committee member, whose removal was recommenced by the remaining members of the committee, rests with the town moderator, however removal can occur only after the committee member sought to be removed has had a hearing before the committee or the moderator, at which at which the committee member has had the opportunity to refute any allegations concerning continued membership. If the town moderator decides to remove the committee member, the moderator shall notify the Town Clerk, and the Town Clerk shall notify the effected committee member. Upon receipt of such notification the effected member will be deemed to have been removed from the committee.

Loss of membership as a result of a failure to meet a meeting attendance requirement pursuant to subparagraph (h) above shall not be deemed to be removal from a committee, subject to the above procedural protections.

Nothing in this Section 2-33 shall be deemed to eliminate any committee currently established by the town meeting, town moderator or the board of selectmen.

Sec. 2-34 ~~Reports~~ **Reserved.**

~~Every committee shall file a written report with the town clerk at least every four months unless otherwise directed by the town. The town clerk shall forthwith transmit such report to the selectmen and the finance and advisory board. The final report for the year shall be made as early as practicable and shall, if the selectmen deem expedient, be printed in the annual town report.~~ (1932 Bylaws, Art. 4, Sec. 2)

[New} Sec. 2-34. List of Committees - Town Clerk

The Town Clerk shall maintain a complete list of town committees and committee embers, based on information supplied in writing by the formation and appointing authorities.

Sec. 2-35. ~~Appointment and duties of organ committee.~~ **Reserved.**

~~The moderator shall, annually in the month of March, appoint a committee of three citizens of the town to be known as the town organ committee. This committee shall have charge of the town organ, make rules and regulations for its care and use and supervise all repairs and maintenance thereon.~~ (3-16-42)

Sec. 2-36. ~~Committees and Certain Boards~~. **Reserved.**

~~A member of an appointed Board may be removed for cause. Such removal shall be effected by a two-thirds vote of the remaining members of the Board, but only after the person sought to be removed has had a hearing before the remaining members, at which he has had the opportunity to refute any allegations concerning his membership. The results of the vote after such hearing shall be filed with the Town Clerk. If the vote is for removal, the Town Clerk shall notify the effected member and the appointing authority of such action, and upon receipt of such notification the effected member will be deemed to have been removed from the Board. The foregoing procedure shall not be applicable to members of the Finance and Advisory Board.~~ (11-6-86, Art. 12)

Sec. 2-37. ~~Filling of vacancies~~. **Reserved.**

~~The incumbent moderator shall be authorized to fill any vacancy on any committee appointed by him or any previous moderator.~~ (3-28-66, Art. 45)

Sec. 2-37.1. ~~Appointment and duties of Economic Development Committee~~. Reserved.

~~Shall be responsible for developing and promoting all the economic resources of the Town for the purpose of expanding its tax base, shall be authorized to meet with and advise town departments of its findings, and shall annually report its activities to the town meeting. Said committee shall be comprised of seven (7) members as follows: one member each of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors, Planning Board, Board of Public Works, and three (3) members who shall be residents of the Town, one of whom shall have experience in real estate. Initial appointments shall be made as follows: three members for terms of three years, two members for terms of two years, and two members for terms of one year. All subsequent appointments, except for filling vacancies, shall be for three year terms. All existing committees whose purposes are the same or similar to the purposes of the aforementioned committee shall be dissolved.~~ (Art. 13; 4-3-79)

Sec. 2-37.2. Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee; establishment and duties.

(a) Selection and term of members: The Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee shall, at its inception, consist of all current members of the Youth Commission and Unicorn Recreational Area Committee, who will, if they so desire, complete their terms as scheduled, but shall serve the remainder of their scheduled terms as members of the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee. Subsequent appointments shall be made as follows: four (4) Committee members shall be appointed in the year 2000; three (3) Committee members shall be appointed in the year 2001; and four (4) Committee members shall be appointed in the year 2002, all for terms of three years. All subsequent appointments, except for the filling of vacancies, shall also be for three (3) years.

(b) Vacancies: The Board of Selectmen shall, within sixty (60) days of a vacancy, appoint a new member to complete the unexpired term of any member who vacates his or her position on the Committee.

(c) Organizational meeting: The Committee shall meet for organizational purposes not later than thirty (30) days following the annual appointment of its members to elect its officers for a term of one year.

(d) Duties: The Committee duties shall include: providing advice and recommendations to the appropriate Town officials, both elected and appointed, regarding the open space and recreation needs of the Town including but not limited to the Golf Courses, Arena, all existing and future playgrounds and recreation areas, preparing and updating the Open Space and Recreation Plan, and developing recreational programs and activities for residents of the Town. (5-1-00, Art. 9)

Sec. 2-40. Appearance before state or county boards or commissions to protect interests of town.

The selectmen may appear, either personally, by the town counsel or by special counsel, before any court or any state or county board or commission, to protect the interest of the town, but are not authorized by this code to commit the town to any course of action. (1932 Bylaws, Art. 5, Sec. 2)

Sec. 2-41. Signing and sealing of conveyances of land.

All conveyances of land or interests in land shall be signed by a majority of the Board of Selectmen, unless otherwise provided by law or by vote of the town; and shall be sealed with the town seal. (1932 Bylaws, Art. 5, Sec. 3)

Sec. 2-42. ~~Defense and settlement of claims and suits against town; suits to collect sums due town.~~ **Reserved.**

The selectmen shall defend all claims and suits brought against the town, except such cases as relate to taxation, and may settle at their discretion any such claim or suit to which the town is a party and which does not require the payment of more than one thousand dollars ($1,000). Any settlement requiring a payment greater than one thousand dollars ($1,000), except as authorized by law, shall be made only when authorized by the voters at a town meeting.

~~The selectmen shall bring any necessary suits to collect sums due the town.~~(1932 Bylaws,Art.5, Sec. 4)

Sec. 2-43. Custody of bonds of treasurer and tax collector.

The bonds of the town treasurer and tax collector shall be kept in the custody of the Board of Selectmen. (1932 Bylaws, Art. 5, Sec. 5)

Sec. 2-44. Numbering of buildings.

The selectmen may order numbers to be affixed to or painted on the buildings on any street, in their discretion. The owners of every house shall comply with such order within ten days thereafter. (1932 Bylaws, Art. 5, Sec. 6)

ARTICLE VII. TOWN COUNSEL

Sec. 2-45. Appointment; qualifications; compensation.

The selectmen shall, annually in the month of March, appoint a town counsel, who shall be an attorney and counselor at law. He shall receive such compensation as the selectmen may determine, subject to the appropriation of the town therefor. (1932 Bylaws, Art. 6, Sec. 1)

Sec. 2-46. Duties, generally; employment of additional or special counsel by selectmen.

The town counsel shall act as the legal advisor and counselor of the town. It shall be his duty to examine or cause to be examined all titles to property in which the town may acquire an interest, to draft all deeds, obligations, contracts, bonds, leases, conveyances, agreements and other legal instruments, of whatever nature, which may be required by any bylaw, vote or action of the town or any board or officer to which the town or its agents may be a party and which by law, usage or agreement the town is to be at the expense of drawing.

The selectmen may, however, in any case, at their discretion, employ additional or special counsel. (1932 Bylaws, Art. 6, Sec. 2)

Sec. 2-47. Prosecution of suits by town; defense of actions against town; trial of cases before tribunals, referees, etc.

The town counsel shall prosecute all suits ordered to be brought by the town in accordance with the Selectmen-Administrator Act and shall appear before any court in the Commonwealth in defense of all actions or suits brought against the town or its officers in their official capacity. He shall try any and all cases to which the town shall be a party before any tribunal in this Commonwealth or before any board of referees or commissioners. (1932 Bylaws, Art. 6, Sec. 3)

Sec. 2-48. Settlement of litigation.

The town counsel shall not make final settlement of any litigation to which the town is a party, unless he has been duly authorized so to do by the ~~selectmen~~ town administrator and/or a duly authorized officer or board of the town with the approval of the town administrator if required~~, by the board having jurisdiction or by the town~~. (1932 Bylaws, Art. 6, Sec. 4)

Sec. 2-49. Prosecution of statute or bylaw violations.

The town counsel shall, if requested by the ~~selectmen or chief of police~~ the town administrator or a town official(s) or officer(s) having enforcement authority together with the approval of the town administrator, prosecute in the local district court any case of violation of the statutes of the Commonwealth or provisions of this code or other bylaws of the town. (1932 Bylaws, Art. 6, Sec. 5)

Sec. 2-55. Abstracts of official records of the town meetings.

The town clerk shall submit to the selectmen an abstract of the official records of all town meetings, and such abstracts shall be published in the town report. (1932 Bylaws, Art. 7, Sec. 4)

Sec. 2-56. Recording, filing and indexing of deeds, easements, etc.; keeping true copies of deeds and conveyances of selectmen.

The town clerk shall record, file and index all deeds, easements and other papers and documents having to do with the town's interest in any land and see that every conveyance to the town of any interest in land is properly recorded in the registry of deeds. He shall keep a true copy, in a book to be kept for such purpose alone, of all deeds or conveyances executed by the selectmen. (1932 Bylaws, Art. 7, Sec. 5)

ARTICLE IX. TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

Sec. 2-57. Treasurer—Custody of bonds and insurance policies of town.

The treasurer shall be the custodian of all bonds ~~and insurance policies~~ belonging to the town; except, that the bonds of the treasurer and tax collector shall be in the custody of the ~~selectmen~~ town administrator. (1932 Bylaws, Art. 8, Sec. 1)

Sec. 2-57.1. ~~Interest Proceeds.~~ **Reserved.**

~~Interest income from grants, in addition to Chapter 90 Highway Programs, accelerated highway, bridge and economic development programs and bond funds shall be used without further appropriation for the purposes that the grants and/or bonds were authorized and such sums to be deposited in the specific accounts for which the funds were authorized. Such accounting for interest income shall be effective January 1, 1988.~~

Sec. 2-58. Same—Annual report.

It shall be the duty of the treasurer to make, in the annual printed report of the town, a report which shall specifically state the objects, if any, for which the debt of the town may have been increased during the preceding year. The report shall give a classified statement of the indebtedness of the town and the objects for which it was incurred. Such report shall also include:

(a) A list of all notes issued during the year and the purposes for which the money was borrowed giving the dates, amount, term, rate of interest, time of maturity, the premium, if any, received thereon and the names of the parties of whom the funds were borrowed.

(b) A list of all notes paid during the year, and a list of all outstanding notes with the dates on which they will mature.

(c) A full exhibit of all moneys, properties and securities, which may be placed in his charge by virtue of any statute or bylaw or by virtue of any gift, devise, bequest or deposit.

~~(d) A list of all insurance held by the town.~~ (1932 Bylaws, Art. 8, Sec. 2)

Sec. 2-59. Same—Sales of land acquired by tax foreclosure.

The town treasurer may sell at any time, after advertising in the local newspapers for one week, any land acquired by the town through foreclosure of a tax title or through purchase of land of low value and execute, acknowledge and deliver on behalf of the town all papers necessary to effectuate any such sale; provided, that no such land shall be sold for less than the amount charged against it on the treasurer's books, except with the approval of the selectmen. (3-16-42 Art. 55; 3-31-47, Art. 55)

Sec. 2-60. Duties of tax collector.

The collector of taxes shall collect, as town collector, all accounts due the town. (1932 Bylaws, Art. 8, Sec. 3)

Sec. 2-60A. Non-payment of municipal taxes, charges, etc.: License and permit denial, suspension and revocation.

Section 1. The tax collector or other municipal official responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterments and other municipal charges, hereinafter referred to as the tax collector, shall annually furnish to each board, commission, department, officer or other licensing authority of the town, hereinafter referred to as the licensing authority, that issues licenses or permits, including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges for not less than a twelve (12) month period, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for abatement of such a tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board or entered into and fully complied with a payment agreement with the Town.

Sec. 2-64. Duties.

The duties of the council on aging shall be to:

(a) Identify the total needs of the community's elderly population.

(b) Educate the community and enlist support and participation of all citizens concerning these needs.

(c) Design, promote, or implement services to fill these needs, or coordinate present existing services in the community.

(d) Promote and support any other programs which are designed to assist elderly programs in the community.

(e) The council on aging shall cooperate with the Commonwealth office of elder affairs and shall be cognizant of all state and federal legislation concerning funding, information exchange and program planning which exists for better community programming for the elderly.

(f) The council on aging shall give an annual report to the Board of Selectmen with a copy of that report directed to the Commonwealth office of elder affairs. (3-22-73, Art 66)

~~ARTICLE XIII. GAS INSPECTION~~

~~Sec. 2-65. Inspector—Appointment; term; compensation; qualifications; duties.~~

~~The Board of Selectmen shall appoint annually in April an inspector of gas piping and gas appliances in buildings, to be known as a gas inspector, who shall hold office for a term expiring on the thirtieth day of April in the following calendar year and until his successor is appointed and qualified.~~

~~His compensation shall be established by the personnel board.~~

~~He shall have had at least ten years of practical experience in gas fitting.~~

~~The duties of the gas inspector shall be the enforcement of the rules and regulations adopted by the board under Section 12H of Chapter 25 of the Massachusetts General Laws and any acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto. (3-9-64, Sec.1)~~

Sec. 2-66. Same—Interest in building contracts, etc.

~~The gas inspector shall not be interested in any building contract in the town or have any interest in the furnishing of materials for any building therein; provided that he may, with the written approval of the Board of Selectmen, have such interest if he wholly refrains from acting as the gas inspector in the particular case. In each case the Board of Selectmen shall appoint an assistant gas inspector or shall appoint a disinterested substitute gas inspector to act therein, with all the powers and duties of the gas inspector; and the compensation paid to such assistant or substitute in such case shall be deducted from the salary of the gas inspector. (3-9-64, Sec. 3)~~

~~Sec. 2-67. Appointment, qualifications and duties of assistant inspectors.~~

~~The Board of Selectmen may at any time appoint, for such terms as the board may determine, one or more assistant gas inspectors to act in the absence or disability of the gas inspector and, while so acting, each of them shall have and may exercise all of the powers and duties of the gas inspector. Assistant gas inspectors shall have the same qualifications hereinabove set forth for the gas inspector.~~ (3-9-64, Sec. 2)

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator
Sent to the Attorney General June 17, 2003
Approved by the Attorney General September 8, 2003

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 12 "Solicitors, Canvassers" by substantially or totally amending said Chapter

12 so as to provide protections for residents desiring to avoid peddlers, hawkers, itinerant merchants, transient vendors, solicitors, canvassers, and/or handbills. Said amendments balancing the First Amendment freedom of speech rights of individuals with the protection of residents' privacy and the prevention of fraud.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Chief of Police
Board of Selectmen

Article 12.Voted that the subject matter of article 12 be indefinitely postponed.

Motion Passes
Indefinitely Postponed

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to lease any building under the control of the School Committee and which is not in actual use as a Stoneham Public School, including, but not limited to, the following buildings: (1) the East School, located at 12 Beacon Street; (2) the North School, located at 175 Collincote Street; and (3) the Central School, located at 25 William Street, for a period of up to ten (10) years. Said authorization to allow multiple leases and/or renewals during said ten (10) year period as long as the total lease period does not exceed ten (10) years.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 13. Voted that the Town authorize the School Committee to lease the following buildings under the control of the School Committee and which are not in actual use as a Stoneham Public School: (1) the East School, located at 12 Beacon Street; (2) the North School, located at 175 Collincote Street; and (3) the Central School, located at 25 William Street; for a period of up to ten (10) years, and each school shall be leased subject to a separate lease agreement. Said authorization further conditioned upon the School Committee holding a public hearing regarding the terms of any proposed lease, prior to the execution of said lease. Notice of said public hearing being published in a town newspaper not less than fourteen (14) days prior to said hearing.

First Amendment on the floor submitted by Alexander Janko, 25 Beacon Street:

Voted that the Town authorize the school committee to lease the following buildings which are not presently being used as Stoneham Public Schools, (1) The

east school located at 12 Beacon Street, (2) the North School, located at 175 Collincote Street, and (3) the Central School, located at 25 William Street. Any lease ultimately authorized or legitimized under approval of this article shall be subject to the following:

A) No lease of the School Committee, resulting from or proposed under the direction, spirit and approval of this article, shall be finalized, approved or legalized without a positive majority approval of the local property owners

B) Conditions of this article and amendment:

B1) The property owner approval as required by this amendment shall be or shall constitute, a 75% majority favorable vote of all "live in" and currently registered property owners of record within 1000 feet of the lease property's registered border lines.

B2) The School Committee shall be responsible for establishing the required abutters list for any Lease proposed under this article. They shall also be responsible for the notification of all entitled abutters by registered mail.

B3) A waiting period of thirty days (30) from the above mailings shall be granted before a vote of the entitled abutters is finalized and/or totaled.

B4) All leases under the intent, or caused by the action of this article, shall be reviewed for by the local authority enforcing the Stoneham Zoning by-laws to ensure appropriate zoning application.

B5) The Town Counsel shall have the responsibility for the auditing, and verification of the above process, vote and article compliance.

B6) this article shall grandfather any existing or unauthorized leases normally to be covered under conditions of this article, provided, that any such existing lease or lease conditions are only extended, renewed or changed under the terms and intent of this article.

Motion to Move the Question
Question Moved
Amendment Fails per Moderator

Second Amendment on the floor submitted by Frank Pignone, 2 Gigante Drive

Voted that the subject matter of article 13 of the Annual Town Meeting of Stoneham, Massachusetts dated May 5, 2003 be amended by striking out the language entirely and inserting the following:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the school committee to lease individually for one year beginning July 1, 2003 the building known as North School located at 175 Collincote Street and East School located at 12 Beacon Street. During this period and before entering into any negotiations for renewal for each lease in any form, there will be a complete building inspection to include pests, wiring, plumbing and other pertinent structural component. Coinciding with these inspections the Stoneham Public Works Department shall estimate usefulness and replacement of any subsurface piping.

All inspections and recommendations will be in writing and submitted to the Board of Selectmen who shall call for a joint public hearing with school committee, and any other officials deemed necessary by selectmen, with certified notices to any and all property owners and/or residents abutting these properties for their input and concerns. Estimates for all repairs or needed maintenance or replacement shall be disclosed and funded by revolving fund of lease income.

All future leases of these properties will be for a period not exceeding two years.

A record will be kept of all disbursements and reports sent to the Town Administrator on a quarterly basis.

Motion to Move the Question
Question Moved
Amendment Fails Per Moderator

Vote on the Main Motion
Passes per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to amend the FY03 departmental budgets voted under Article 10 of the April 2, 2002 Annual Town Meeting as amended, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 14. Voted that the Town adjust the FY03 Operating budget by a negative Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-seven Dollars (-$219,827) to amend the FY03 departmental voted under article 10 of the April 2, 2002 Annual

Town Meeting as amended. Said sum to be itemized as on the handout marked "Exhibit A, Side 1".

Passes Unanimous

Exhibit A

Fiscal Year 2003
Budget Adjustments

Adjust the following Budgets:

DEPT #	DEPARTMENT	SALARIES	OPERATING	TOTAL
114	Moderator	$0.00	($1.00)	($1.00)
122	Selectmen	$3,600.00	($535.00)	$3,065.00
123	Town Administrator	$2,849.00	$1,367.00	$4,216.00
131	Finance Board	$0.00	($117.00)	($117.00)
132	Reserve Fund	$0.00	($22,000.00)	($22,000.00)
135	Accounting	$5,000.00	($855.00)	$4,145.00
141	Assessors	$3,000.00	($437.00)	$2,563.00
145	Treasurer	$7,000.00	($921.00)	$6,079.00
151	Town Counsel	$2,600.00	($877.00)	$1,723.00
155	Data Processing	$1,900.00	($1,757.00)	$143.00
161	Town Clerk	$1,800.00	($255.00)	$1,545.00
162	Elections & Registration	$800.00	($1,051.00)	($251.00)
172	Whip Hill	$1,000.00	($318.00)	$682.00
182	Community Development	($12,000.00)	($145.00)	($12,145.00)
192	Public Property	($15,000.00)	($300.00)	($15,300.00)
210	Police	$46,000.00	$0.00	$46,000.00
211	Traffic Director	$6,300.00	($122.00)	$6,178.00
212	Dispatchers	$16,000.00	($195.00)	$15,805.00
220	Fire	$57,917.00	$0.00	$57,917.00
241	Building Dept.	$800.00	($282.00)	$518.00
291	Civil Defense	$0.00	($178.00)	($178.00)
300	Schools	$0.00	($98,149.00)	($98,149.00)
400	DPW	$0.00	($13,000.00)	($13,000.00)
440	Sewer	$7,970.00	$0.00	$7,970.00
450	Water	$10,352.00	$0.00	$10,352.00
510	Board of Health	($14,088.00)	($301.00)	($14,389.00)
541	Council on Aging	$0.00	($1,726.00)	($1,726.00)
542	Youth Commission	$1,150.00	($236.00)	$914.00
543	Veterans	$305.00	($1,741.00)	($1,436.00)
610	Library	$0.00	($6,069.00)	($6,069.00)
630	Unicorn Golf	($14,600.00)	$6,500.00	($8,100.00)
631	Arena	$16,000.00	$54,000.00	$70,000.00
710	Maturing Debt & Interest	$0.00	$15,000.00	$15,000.00
910	Noncontributory Pensions	$700.00	$0.00	$700.00
918	Capital	$0.00	($42,248.00)	($42,248.00)
919	Unclassified	($272,233.00)	$32,000.00	($240,233.00)
	NET BUDGET REDUCTIONS	($134,878.00)	($84,949.00)	($219,827.00)

Adjust the following Revenues:

Decrease Revenues of the Current Year	($674,659.00)
Transfer from Overlay Surplus	$424,659.00
Transfer from Sewer Surplus	$7,970.00
Transfer from Water Surplus	$10,352.00
School prior year encumbrances	$11,851.00
NET REVENUE REDUCTIONS	($219,827.00)

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to rescind approved warrant articles (see attached list), and utilize the funds made available resulting from such rescission as revenue for the FY2004 budget, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 15. Voted that the Town rescind approved warrant articles amounting to One Hundred Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars and Eighty Cents ($120,798.80) and utilize the One Hundred Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars and Eighty Cents ($120,798.80) resulting from such rescission as revenue for the FY2004 budget. Said warrant articles to be rescinded as detailed on the handout marked "Exhibit A, Side 2".

Passes Unanimous

"Exhibit A"

ARTICLES PASSED BY TOWN MEETING
RECOMMENDED TO BE CLOSED

Date	Description	Original $	Balance
Oct-96	Geographic Information Systems	$200,000	$161.57
Oct-97	Geographic Information Systems	$150,000	$51.10
May-98	Accept as Public Way	$17,000	$2,893.02
May-01	Beautification of Town	$20,000.00	$12,318.57
May-99	Install Hardware/software	$18,000	$3,000.00
Oct-96	FY97 Revaluation	$185,000	$125.85
May-98	Appraisal of BRMC	$12,000	$12,000.00
Oct-98	Cable License Negotiations	$3,000	$1,817.72
May-97	Repair of Town Hall Buildings	$150,000	$8,709.99
Oct-01	Parking Enforcement	$6,000	$2,520.00
Oct-01	Selective Traffic Enforcement	$5,000	$907.12
May-98	Install Hardware/software	$20,000	$1,250.00
May-99	Fire Station Roof	$45,000	$1,907.40
Oct-98	Cont. Recreational Facilities	$30,000	$4,447.88

Date	Description	Original $	Balance
May-00	DPW Garage	$100,000	$2,756.99
Oct-00	Public Shade Trees	$5,000	$4,627.93
Oct-00	Beautification of Town	$7,000	$71.92
Oct-03	Construct Sidewalks	$150,000	$59,868.00
Oct-97	Install Traffic Lights	$60,000	$813.94
Oct-00	Purchase Traffic Lights	$45,000	$549.80
		Total	$120,798.80

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to utilize One Million Dollars ($1,000,000) from the Stabilization Fund as revenue to be applied to the Town's FY04 budget, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 16. Voted that the Town authorize the use of One Million Fifty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-one Dollars ($1,051,851) from the Stabilization Fund as revenue to be applied to the Town's FY04 budget.

2/3 Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish and charge fees for the following services provided by the Department of Public Works: trash pick-up fee for the Stoneham Housing Authority, fees for the disposal of "white goods" (refrigerators, washing machines, clothes dryers, etc.), recycling sticker fees, and fees for the disposal of hazardous waste; or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 17. Voted that the subject matter of article 17 be indefinitely postponed.

Motion Passes
Indefinitely Postponed

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation or by transfer from available funds, such sums as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, including debt and interest and a reserve fund, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 18. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $55,109,501 to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, including the Town operating budget for the year beginning July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, said sum to be itemized as on the handout marked "Exhibit B, Side 1". And further, the forgoing appropriation be raised or transferred as itemized as on the handout marked "Exhibit B, Side 2".

Amendment on the floor by Marcia M. Wengen, 56 Washington Street

Amend the motion as follows: To increase Department #182 personnel by $812.00 and decrease operating by $812.00.

Motion to Amend
Amendment Passes
Majority Vote Required
Motion as Amended
Passes Per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered

EXHIBIT B

DEPARTMENT	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	INTERGOV.	TOTAL
#114 Town Moderator	$3,854	$20		$3,874
#122 Selectmen	$78,360	$14,747		$93,107
#123 Town Administrator	$285,652	$91,993		$377,645
#131 Finance Board	$0	$3,989		$3,989
#132 Reserve Fund		$16,137		$16,137
#135 Town Accountant	$187,737	$3,050		$190,787
#141 Assessors	$146,747	$11,300		$158,047
#145 Town Treasurer	$222,241	$28,925		$251,166
#151 Town Counsel	$91,175	$25,451		$116,626
#155 MIS/GIS	$66,187	$58,329		$124,516
#161 Town Clerk	$129,739	$7,045		$136,784
#162 Elections & Reg	$29,621	$30,049		$59,670
#172 Whip Hill Park	$41,465	$8,251		$49,716
#182 Community Dev/Plan	$87,614	$2,800		$90,414
#192 Town Hall Mainten.	$41,685	$78,112		$119,797
#210 Police Dept	$3,289,618	$292,456		$3,582,074
#211 Traffic Directors	$135,500	$4,500		$140,000
#212 Dispatchers	$283,163	$5,020		$288,183
#220 Fire-Emerg. Rescue	$2,632,723	$143,100		$2,775,823
#241 Inspectional Services	$221,893	$7,390		$229,283
#291 Emergency Mgmnt	$22,829	$5,029		$27,858
#300 Public Schools				$21,979,138

DEPARTMENT	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	INTERGOV.	TOTAL
#399 N.E. Voke School		$368,602		$368,602
#400 DPW Admin	$932,433	$2,036,437		$2,968,870
#440 Sewer	$377,603	$73,025	$3,393,321	$3,843,949
#450 Water	$492,143	$156,675	$2,129,184	$2,778,002
#510 Public Health Service	$127,029	$7,146		$134,175
#541 Senior Center	$126,877	$50,510		$177,387
#542 Recreation	$77,061	$1,675		$78,736
#543 Veteran's Services	$10,300	$60,380		$70,680
#610 Public Library	$516,207	$185,896		$702,103
#630 Unicorn Recreation	$417,727	$582,046		$999,773
#710 Maturing Debt & Intrst		$5,547,822		$5,547,822
#910 Non-Contrib Pensions		$75,132		$75,132
#911 Contributory Pensions		$2,703,224		$2,703,224
#918 Capital Improv.		$29,348		$29,348
#919 Unclassified	$0	$2,439,100		$2,439,100
#920 Non-Departmental		$40,135		$40,135
TOTAL				$53,771,672

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EXHIBIT B

FROM REVENUE OF THE CURRENT YEAR	$44,962,823
BY TRANSFER FROM THE PERPETUAL CARE INTEREST INCOME ACCOUNT	$28,000
BY TRANSFER FROM THE SALE OF LOTS & GRAVES ACCOUNT	$40,000
BY DONATION FROM THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION	$10,000
COPS UNIVERSAL HIRING GRANT	$65,000
BY TRANSFER FROM RESCINDED ARTICLES UNDER ARTICLE #15	$120,000
BY TRANSFER FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS	$370,841
BY TRANSFER FROM THE STABILIZATION ACCOUNT	$1,051,851
BY TRANSFER FROM THE ARENA VENDING/PRO SHOP REVOLVING	$52,000
BY TRANSFER FROM THE ESTIMATED WATER RECEIPTS TO:	
DEPARTMENT #450 WATER	$2,778,002
DEPARTMENT #710 MATURING WATER DEBT & INTEREST	$18,970
DEPARTMENT #135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT	$10,630
DEPARTMENT #145 TOWN TREASURER	$14,144
DEPARTMENT #155 MIS/GIS	$7,190
DEPARTMENT #911 CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS	$98,383
DEPARTMENT #919 UNCLASSIFIED	$51,728
BY TRANSFER FROM THE ESTIMATED SEWER RECEIPTS TO:	
DEPARTMENT #440 SEWER	$3,843,949
DEPARTMENT #710 MATURING WATER DEBT & INTEREST	$101,266
DEPARTMENT #135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT	$15,143

DEPARTMENT #145 TOWN TREASURER	$20,120
DEPARTMENT #155 MIS/GIS	$10,141
DEPARTMENT #911 CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS	$39,167
DEPARTMENT #919 UNCLASSIFIED	$62,324
TOTAL	$53,771,672

SIDE 2

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow, a sum of money for the purpose of: 1) obtaining land acquisition appraisals for up to five properties that have been identified as the bet locations for the Town's new Emergency Operations Center; and 2) obtaining a preliminary design for said facility, including all elevations, layouts and digital imagery, with related ground-up construction costs, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 19. Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars ($60,000) for the purpose of: 1) obtaining land acquisition appraisals for seven properties, including two properties adjacent to the existing Fire Station, for the Town's new Emergency Operations Center; and 20 obtaining a preliminary design for a new facility at the proposed new location, including all elevations, layouts and digital imagery, with related ground-up construction costs; and to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to Sixty Thousand Dollars ($60,000) under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; and the Town Administrator is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

2/3 Vote Required
Passes per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot be Reconsidered

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow, a sum of money to refurbish and/or rehabilitate the 1987 Fire Engine #4, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 20. Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars ($130,000) to refurbish and/or rehabilitate the 1987 Fire Engine #4; and to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars ($130,000) under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling

authority; and the Town Administrator is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

2/3 Vote Required
Passes per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot be Reconsidered

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow, a sum of money to purchase three police cruisers, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 21. Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars ($110,000) to purchase three police cruisers; and to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars ($110,000) under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; and the Town Administrator is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

2/3 Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow, a sum of money to pay prior year invoices, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 22. Voted that the subject matter of article #22 be indefinitely postponed.

Motion Passes
Indefinitely Postponed

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from water surplus funds $35,683 to cover the adjusted Massachusetts Water Resources Authority water assessment for FY2003, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 23. Voted that the Town transfer from water surplus funds Thirty-five Thousand six Hundred Eighty-three Dollars ($35,683) to cover the adjusted Massachusetts Water resources Authority water assessment for FY2003.

Passes per Moderator

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $250,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of construction or rehabilitation of sewer mains, manholes, pump stations or appurtenances, purchasing equipment, or maintaining the sewer system within the limits of the Town, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 24.Voted that the Town appropriate from estimated sewer receipts the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($250,000) for the purpose of defraying the cost of construction or rehabilitation of sewer mains, manholes, pump stations or appurtenances, purchasing equipment, or maintaining the sewer system within the limits of the Town.

Passes Unanimous

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds $300,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing water mains or replacing or relining existing water mains, hydrant replacement, water meter installations, purchasing equipment, or maintaining the water system within the limits of the Town, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 25. Voted that the Town appropriate from estimated water receipts the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000) for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing water mains or replacing or relining existing water mains, hydrant replacement, water meter installations, purchasing equipment, or maintaining the water system within the limits of the Town.

Passes Unanimous

Article 26. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F1/2 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, establishing an enterprise fund for sewer surplus funds generated by the Sewer Department (Department #440) effective at the commencement of FY2004, and transfer into said fund all existing sewer surplus funds, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 26. Voted that the town accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F1/2 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, establishing an enterprise fund for sewer surplus funds generated by the Sewer Department (Department #440) effective at the commencement of FY2004, and transfer into said fund Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($250,000) from existing sewer surplus funds.

Passes Unanimous

Article 27. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F1/2 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, establishing an enterprise fund for water surplus funds generated by the Water Department (Department #450) effective at the commencement of FY2004, and transfer into said fund all existing water surplus funds, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 27. Voted that the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F1/2 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, establishing an enterprise fund for water surplus funds generated by the Water Department (Department #450) effective at the commencement of FY2004, and transfer into said fund One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000) from existing water surplus funds.

Passes Unanimous

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to acquire an easement and construct a sewer main extension from West Wyoming Avenue across MDC land and private land to and in Brook Street, and further to raise and appropriate, or transfer from sewer surplus funds, $25,000 for any and all costs associated therewith, or do anything in relation thereto. (A copy of the proposed sewer main extension shall be available for inspection in the office of the Town Clerk.)

Board of Selectmen

Article 28. Voted that the Town acquire an easement and construct a sewer main extension from West Wyoming Avenue across MDC land and private land to and in Brook Street, and further to raise and appropriate, or transfer from sewer surplus funds, Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) for any and all costs associated therewith.

Passes Unanimous

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote as follows:

1. To authorize the use of funds in Fiscal Year 2003 from the Revolving Fund, established pursuant to Article 5 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the operation of vending machines and a pro shop at the Stoneham Arena, to build a concession stand and to purchase and/or lease equipment to operate said concession stand at the Stoneham Arena;

2. To reauthorize, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, the Revolving Fund for the purpose of operating vending machines and a pro shop at the Stoneham Arena. The Arena Manager, subject to the approval of the Town Administrator, will be authorized to purchase all necessary goods and services needed for these two operations from this Fund. In addition, all proceeds from the sale of these products in the vending machines and pro shop shall be deposited into this Fund. There shall be no limit on the total amount which may expended from such fund in the ensuing fiscal year other than as provided by said M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2; and

3. To authorize the use of funds in Fiscal Year 2004 from the Revolving Fund for the operation of vending machines and a pro shop at the Stoneham Arena, re-authorized pursuant to Subparagraph 2 above in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, to build a concession stand and to purchase and/or lease equipment to operate said concession stand at the Stoneham Arena.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 29. Voted that the subject matter of article #29 be indefinitely postponed.

Motion Passes
Indefinitely Postponed

Motion to Dissolve the Annual Town Meeting
Meeting Dissolved at 11:15PM

John J. Hanright, CMC
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2003

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the **Town Hall, 35 Central Street,** on

Monday, May 5, 2003

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following Articles of this Warrant:

Agreeable to the warrant signed by the Selectmen on April 8, 2003 the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the Town hall, 35 Central Street on Monday, May 5, 2003 at 8:05 in the evening.

Tellers were appointed to check names of the voters entering Town Hall and the checklist showed 293 voters in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Michael Rotondi at 8:05 PM and the warrant was read.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, the Zoning By-Law map, by removing the land located at the Old Central School, as shown on Assessors Map 12, Parcel 342, from the Educational District and placing said land in the Business District. Said land is further shown on a plan filed at the Town Clerk's Office.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 1.Voted that the subject matter of article #1 be indefinitely postponed.

Motion to Indefinitely Postpone
Motion Passes
Indefinitely Postponed

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of care, custody, management and control of a parcel of land, no longer needed for school or school related purposes, located between Stoneham High School main driveway and Emerald Court, said property is a portion of parcel #152 on Sheet 8, between parcel 155 to the South and parcels 153 and 154 to the North containing approximately 13,500 square feet, to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of the sale of said land, on the condition that if said land is not sold by the Board of Selectmen within two (2) years of the close of the town meeting at which such sale is authorized, the land shall revert to the jurisdiction and control of the School Committee.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 2.Voted that the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of care, custody, management and control of a parcel of land, no longer needed for school or school related purposes, located between Stoneham High School main driveway and Emerald Court, said property is a portion of parcel #152 on Sheet 8, between parcel 155 to the South and parcels 153 and 154 to the North containing approximately 13,500 square feet, to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of the sale of said land, on the condition that if said land is not sold by the Board of Selectmen within two (2) years of the close of the town meeting at which such sale is authorized, the land shall revert to the jurisdiction and control of the School Committee.

Motion to Amend – John DeGeorge, 148 Franklin Street

Move to Amend as follows: delete the following "on the condition that if said land is not sold by the Board of Selectmen within two (2) years of the close of the town meeting at which such sale is authorized, the land shall revert to the jurisdiction and control of the School Committee."

Motion to Move the Question
Question is Moved
Amendment Fails Per Moderator
Motion to Move Question on Main Motion
Question is Moved
Requires 2/3 Vote
Motion Passes per Moderator

Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($4,500.00) for title work with respect to certain parcels of land the Town will review as to possible sale, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. Voted that the Town transfer from the overlay surplus account the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($4,500.00) for title work with respect to certain parcels of land the Town will review as to possible sale, or do anything in relation thereto.

Majority Vote Required
Motion Passes Unanimous

Motion to Dissolve Special Town Meeting
Meeting Dissolved 8:50 PM

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 28, 2003

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the **Town Hall, 35 Central Street,** on

Monday, July 28, 2003

at 7:30 o'clock in the evening to act on the following Articles of this Warrant:

Agreeable to the warrant signed by the Selectmen on July 2, 2003 the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall, 35 Central Street on Monday, July 28, 2003 at 7:30 in the evening.

Tellers were appointed to check names of the voters entering Town Hall and the checklist showed 670 voters in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Michael Rotondi at 7:43 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Moderator explained modifications to the procedure because a temporary moderator needed to be selected.

Brenda Boyle, 7 Woodbriar Rd was chosen by the Moderator to run the selection process for the Temporary Moderator. Mrs. Boyle asks for a word with Town Counsel before asking for nominations.

Motion made and seconded for Peter D'Angelo, 8 San Jose Terrace. Mr. D'Angelo voices his concerns to the body about being a member of the Finance & Advisory Board, but leaves it to their discretion.

Motion and second to close nominations.

Vote on the nomination
Motion Passes

Vote for Peter D'Angelo as Temporary Moderator

Motion Passes

Mr. D'Angelo is sworn in as Temporary Moderator by Town Clerk John Hanright.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to revise the salary of the Town Moderator, previously established by vote of the Town Meeting pursuant to Article 4 of the May 5, 2003 Annual Town Meeting, by reducing said salary from $205 to $200, and further to transfer $5.00 from the personnel budget to the operating budget of the Town Moderator.

Edith F. Previdi et al
11 Elmhurst Road

Article 1. Voted that the Town rescind/revise the salary of the Town Moderator, previously established by the vote of the Town Meeting pursuant to Article 4 of the May 5, 2003 Annual Town Meeting, by reducing said salary from $205 to $200, and further transfer $5.00 from the personnel budget to the operating budget of the Town Moderator retroactive from 12 noon June 30, 2003.

Motion to Move Question
Question is Moved

Motion for Secret Ballot
Motion Fails

Vote on Main Motion
Requires 2/3Vote
Passes Per Moderator

Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot be Reconsidered
Michael Rotondi resumes as Moderator at 8:31 PM

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee, with the further approval of the Commissioner of Education of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to lease for a period of up to ten (10) years with provisions for renewal, a four room space on the lower level of the Stoneham High School at 149 Franklin Street; said space formerly used for the art and metal shops and now surplus space, containing approximately 3,100 square feet.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 2. Voted that the Town authorize the School Committee, with the further approval of the Commissioner of Education of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to lease for a period of up to ten (10) years with provisions for renewal, a four-room space on the lower level of the Stoneham High School at 149 Franklin Street, said space formerly used for the art and metal shops and now surplus space, containing approximately 3,100 square feet. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion to Move Question
Question is Moved

Vote on Main Motion
Requires 2/3 Vote
Passes Per Moderator

Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot be Reconsidered

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15 of the Zoning By Laws, Section 4.8.2, to add to those uses permitted in the Commercial I District with site plan approval by the Board of Selectmen, the following:

Section 4.2.10-Banquet Facilities and/or Function Halls and/or Dinner Theaters

or do anything in relation thereto.

Daniel J. Moynihan et al
10 Tamarock Terrace

Article 3.Voted that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15 of the Zoning By Laws, Section 4.8.3 to add to those uses permitted in the Commercial I District on a Special Permit Granted by the Planning Board and Site Plan Approval by the board of Selectmen, the following:

Section 4.8.3.5 – Banquet Facilities, Function Halls and Dinner Theaters.

Motion to Move Question
Question is Moved

Vote on Main Motion
Requires 2/3 Vote
Passes Unanimous

Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot be Reconsidered

Sent to Attorney General's Office August 4, 2003
Approved by Attorney General September 11, 2003

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15 of the Zoning By Laws, section 6.3.8.1, by inserting after the words "Central Business District", in the first paragraph, the words "and in the Commercial I District for Banquet Facilities and/or Function Halls and/or Dinner Theaters" so that the first paragraph of the by law will read as follows:

Special permit for a change in parking space requirements: the number of off street parking spaces required by section 6.3.3 of this by law for a use or uses in the Central Business District and in the Commercial I District for Banquet Facilities and/or Function Halls and/or Dinner Theaters may be changed by Special permit in accordance with the following provisions:

Daniel J. Moynihan et al
10 Tamarock Terrace

Article 4. Voted that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15 of the Zoning By Laws, Section 6.3.8.1, by inserting after the words "Central Business District", in the first paragraph, the words "and in Commercial I District for Banquet Facilities, Function Halls and Dinner Theaters" so that the first paragraph of the by law will read as follows:

Special permit for a change in parking space requirements: the number of off street parking spaces required by section 6.3.3, of this by law for a use or uses in the Central Business District and in the Commercial I District for Banquet Facilities,

Function Halls and Dinner Theaters may be changed by Special permit in accordance with the following provisions:

Motion to Move Question
Question is Moved

Vote on Main Motion
Requires 2/3 Vote
Passes Unanimous

Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot be Reconsidered

Sent to Attorney General's Office August 4, 2003
Approved by Attorney General September 11, 2003

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from revenues of the current year a sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) to amend the Fiscal Year 2004 Departmental budgets pursuant to Article #18 approved at the May 5, 2003 Annual Town Meeting, as follows:

Increase Department #211 Traffic Directors-Personnel by $15,500
Increase Department #610 Library-Personnel by $9,500;

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 5. Voted that the Town transfer from revenues of the current year a sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) to amend the Fiscal Year 2004 Departmental budgets pursuant to Article #18 approved at the May 5, 2003 Annual Town Meeting, as follows:

Decrease Department #919 Unclassified by $25,000
Increase Department #211 Traffic Directors-Personnel by $15,500
Increase Department #610 Library-Personnel by $9,500

Motion to Move Question
Question is Moved

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Motion to Dissolve
Meeting Dissolved at 9:50 PM

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2003

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the **Town Hall, 35 Central Street,** on

Monday, October 27, 2003

at 7:30 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following articles of this Warrant:

Agreeable to the warrant signed by the Selectmen on October 7, 2003 the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall, 35 Central Street on Monday, October 27, 2003 at 7:37 in the evening.

Tellers were appointed to check names of the voters entering the Town Hall and the checklist showed 201 voters were inside the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Michael Rotondi, the American Legion Post 115 led the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem was sung accompanied by organist Bruce Netten and the warrant was read.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $262,316.00 to be received by the Town from the State Highway Funds account Chapter 90 apportionment for FY04, as provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the purpose of continuing the permanent construction program on public ways within the Town, or other eligible municipal projects, and authorize the Town Administrator to make such expenditures; or do anything in relation thereto.

Department of Public Works

Article 1. Voted that the Town appropriate $262,316.00 to be received by the Town from the State Highway Funds account Chapter 90 apportionment for FY04, as provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the purpose of continuing the permanent construction program on public ways within the Town,

or other eligible municipal projects, and authorize the Town Administrator to make such expenditures.

Passes Unanimous

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or borrow, a sum of money to fund necessary repairs and replacements, including but not limited to, repair and replacement of exterior doors and interior fire doors at the High School and Middle School, and remove, repair, and replace approximately 15,000 square feet of roofing at the Middle School, to repair and replace damaged and/or missing interior ceiling tiles at the Middle School and High School and to repair and replace all existing Plexiglas windows with ¼" tempered glass at the Middle School and High School, or do anything in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 2. Voted that the Town borrow, a sum of money to fund necessary repairs and replacements, including but not limited to, repair and replacement of exterior doors and interior fire doors at the High School and Middle School, and remove, repair, and replace approximately 15,000 square feet of roofing at the Middle School, to repair and replace damaged and/or missing interior ceiling tiles at the Middle School and High School and to repair and replace all existing Plexiglas windows with ¼" tempered glass at the Middle School and High School.

2/3 Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

Article 3. Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars ($25,000.00) for the purpose of surveying, appraising and/or evaluating the value of town owned and/or school owned properties for potential sale, or do anything in relation thereto.

Revenue Generating Committee

Article 3. Voted that the subject matter of article 3 be indefinitely postponed.

Motion Passes
Indefinitely Postponed

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the stabilization fund, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 4. Voted that the Town transfer from Surplus Revenue, $1,081,129 to the Stabilization Fund.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of $32,000 to purchase a one-ton dump truck with plow, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 5. Voted that the Town transfer from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings account the sum of $32,000 to purchase a one-ton dump truck with plow.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow $60,000 to purchase a heavy duty pick-up truck and skid-load, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 6. Moved that the Town borrow $30,000 to purchase a heavy duty pick-up truck

Motion to Amend
Amendment made by Fire Chief Lawrence Lamey, 38 High Street
Move to amend the motion as follows:
Move that the Town vote $60,000 to purchase a heavy duty- pick up truck and skid load

Motion to Move the Question
Question is Moved
Motion to Amend
Motion Passes
Motion as Amended
Motion Passes

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to amend the Fiscal year 2004 department

budgets approved under Article 18 of the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 7. Voted that the Town amend the amount voted to be raised and appropriated under article 18 of the May 5, 2003 Annual Town Meeting from $55,109,501 to $53,585,774 (representing a correction of the approved $55,109,501 to $53,771,672 less the following net adjustments of $185,898), and adjust the following departmental budgets and source of funding:

Adjust the following Budgets:

DEPT#	DEPARTMENT	SALARIES	OPERATING	TOTAL
122	Selectmen		$4,700.00	$4,700.00
132	Reserve Fund		$50,000.00	$50,000.00
155	Data Processing		$7,500.00	$7,500.00
399	Northeast Regional Voc.		($9,278.00)	($9,278.00)
440	Sewer		$1,160.00	$1,160.00
450	Water		$491.00	$491.00
610	Library		$2,735.00	$2,735.00
710	Maturing Debt & Interest		($250,206.00)	($250,206.00)
918	Capital		$30,000.00	$30,000.00
919	Unclassified		($23,000.00)	($23,000.00)
	NET BUDGET REDUCTIONS	**$0.00**	**($185,898.00)**	**($185,898.00)**

Passes Unanimous

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, zoning By-law by adding to the Residence B District the following parcels at 597 Main Street:

PARCEL 1

Beginning at a point being the southerly corner of the herein described parcel, thence;

N 77° 05' 41" W, 80.55 feet to a point, thence;
N 76°31' 39" W, 38.59 feet to a point, thence;
N 87° 47' 25" W, 38.88 feet to a point, thence;
N 12° 35' 50" E, 259.76 feet to a point, thence;
S 75° 49' 40" E, 62.11 feet to a point, thence;
S 12° 35' 50" W, 136.28 feet to a point, thence;

S 69° 15' 00" E, 100.74 feet to a point, thence;
S 20° 45' 00" W, 101.10 feet along the easterly sideline of Main Street to the point of beginning.

PARCEL II

Beginning at a corner on the westerly sideline of Main Street, thence;

N 64° 27' 15" W, 100 feet to a point, thence;
S 25° 32' 45" W, 5.00 feet to a point, thence;
N 64° 27' 15" W, 160 feet to a point, thence;
N 17° 40' 11" E, 135.29 feet to a point, thence;
S 51° 58' 03" E, 52.39 feet to a point, thence;
S 25° 08' 20" E, 49.99 feet to a point, thence;
N 85° 22' 56" E, 39.07 feet to a point, thence;
S 82° 59' 40" E, 38.88 feet to a point, thence;
S 71° 43' 54" E, 38.59 feet to a point, thence;
S 72° 17' 56" E, 80.55 feet to a point, thence;
S 25° 32' 45" W, 133.89 feet along the westerly side line of Main Street to the point of beginning

Meaning and intending to describe the land shown on plan entitled "SUBDIVISION OF LAND IN STONEHAM, MASS. SCALE 1" = 40' MAY 17, 1954 WARREN M. MIRICK – Reg Surveyor 5 Webster Court – Stoneham, Mass.", recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, as Plan Number 769 of 1955, at Book 8460, Page End, and the land shown as Lot B on plan entitled "PLAN OF LAND in STONEHAM, MA PREPARED FOR SUMMIT WOODS REALTY TRUST DAVID J MAURIELLO, TRUSTEE 12 WINSHIP DRIVE STONEHAM, MASS 02180", prepared by Marchionda & Associates, L.P., Engineering and Planning Consultants, 62 Montvale Ave., Suite 1, Stoneham, MA 02180 (617) 438-6121 Scale: 1" = 40' Date: September 21, 1995, recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, as Plan Number 1052 of 1995, at Book 25831, Page 174, and referenced in deeds recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, at Book 28150, Page 107, and at Book 31638, Page 564 respectively.

Benjamin J. Caggiano et al
12 Cricklewood Drive

Article 8. Voted that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, zoning By-law by adding to the Residence B District the following parcels at 597 Main Street:

PARCEL 1

Beginning at a point being the southerly corner of the herein described parcel, thence;

N 77° 05' 41" W, 80.55 feet to a point, thence;
N 76° 31' 39" W, 38.59 feet to a point, thence;
N 87° 47' 25" W, 38.88 feet to a point, thence;
N 12° 35' 50" E, 259.76 feet to a point, thence;
S 75° 49' 40" E, 62.11 feet to a point, thence;
S 12° 35' 50" W, 136.28 feet to a point, thence;
S 69° 15' 00" E, 100.74 feet to a point, thence;
S 20° 45' 00" W, 101.10 feet along the easterly sideline of Main Street to the point of the beginning.

PARCEL II

Beginning at a corner on the westerly sideline of Main Street, thence;

N 64° 27' 15" W, 100 feet to a point, thence;
S 25° 32' 45" W, 5.00 feet to a point, thence;
N 64° 27' 15" W, 160 feet to a point, thence;
N 17° 40' 11" E, 135.29 feet to a point, thence;
S 51° 58' 03" E, 52.39 feet to a point, thence;
S 25° 08' 20" E, 49.99 feet to a point, thence;
N 85° 22' 56" E, 39.07 feet to a point, thence;
S 82° 59' 40" E, 38.88 feet to a point, thence;
S 71° 43' 54" E, 38.59 feet to a point, thence;
S 72° 17' 56" E, 80.55 feet to a point, thence;
S 25° 32' 45" W, 133.89 feet along the westerly side line of Main Street to the point of beginning

Meaning and intending to describe the land shown on plan entitled "SUBDIVISION OF LAND IN STONEHAM, MASS. SCALE 1" = 40' MAY 17, 1954 WARREN M. MIRICK – Reg Surveyor 5 Webster Court – Stoneham, Mass.", recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, as Plan Number 769 of 1955, at Book 8460, Page End, and the land shown as Lot B on plan entitled "PLAN OF LAND in STONEHAM, MA PREPARED FOR SUMMIT WOODS REALTY TRUST DAVID J MAURIELLO, TRUSTEE 12 WINSHIP DRIVE STONEHAM, MASS 02180", prepared by Marchionda & Associates, L.P., Engineering and Planning Consultants, 62 Montvale Ave., Suite 1, Stoneham, MA 02180 (617) 438-6121 Scale: 1" = 40' Date: September 21, 1995, recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, as Plan Number 1052 of 1995, at Book 25831, Page 174, and referenced in deeds recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, at Book 28150, Page 107, and at Book 31638, Page 564 respectively.

Motion to Move the Question
Question is Moved
2/3 Vote Required
Passes Unanimous
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered

***Approved by the Attorney General December 9, 2003**

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, zoning By-law by adding to the Highway Business District the following parcel at 51 Montvale Avenue:

A certain parcel of land situated in the Town of Stoneham, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the back center of a stone bound at an angle point on the northerly sideline of Montvale Avenue, said point being 87.25 feet easterly along Montvale Avenue from the intersection of the easterly sideline of Lindenwood Road;

Thence running S 86°-17'–00" W along the northerly sideline of Montvale Avenue a distance of 27.25 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running N 04° -18'-00" W a distance of 100.00 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 86°-17'–00" W a distance of 60.00 feet to a point on the easterly sideline of Lindenwood Road;

Thence turning and running S 88°-13'-26" E a distance of 159.97 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running N 88°-13'-26" E a distance of 188.46 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 30°-26'-00" E a distance of 58.99 feet to a point on the northerly sideline of the former B & M RR ROW;

Thence turning and running S 59°-34'-00" W along the northerly sideline of the former B & M RR ROW a distance of 254.98 feet to a point on the northerly sideline of Montvale Avenue;

Thence running N 74°-43'-00" W along the northerly sideline of Montvale Avenue a distance of 60.80 feet the point of beginning;

Containing an area of 39,872 square feet and shown as Lot C on a plan entitled "SUBDIVISION PLAN OF LAND 51 MONTVALE AVENUE, STONEHAM, MASS. SCALE 1"=40' Dated August 25, 2003" by Benchmark Survey.

Planning Board

Article 9. Voted that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, zoning By-law by adding to the Highway Business District the following parcel at 51 Montvale Avenue:

A certain parcel of land situated in the Town of Stoneham, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the back center of a stone bound at an angle point on the northerly sideline of Montvale Avenue, said point being 87.25 feet easterly along Montvale Avenue from the intersection of the easterly sideline of Lindenwood Road;

Thence running S 86°-17'–00" W along the northerly sideline of Montvale Avenue a distance of 27.25 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running N 04° -18'-00" W a distance of 100.00 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 86°-17'–00" W a distance of 60.00 feet to a point on the easterly sideline of Lindenwood Road;

Thence turning and running S 88°-13'-26" E a distance of 159.97 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running N 88°-13'-26" E a distance of 188.46 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 30°-26'-00" E a distance of 58.99 feet to a point on the northerly sideline of the former B & M RR ROW;

Thence turning and running S 59°-34'-00" W along the northerly sideline of the former B & M RR ROW a distance of 254.98 feet to a point on the northerly sideline of Montvale Avenue;

Thence running N 74°-43'-00" W along the northerly sideline of Montvale Avenue a distance of 60.80 feet the point of beginning;

Containing an area of 39,872 square feet and shown as Lot C on a plan entitled "SUBDIVISION PLAN OF LAND 51 MONTVALE AVENUE, STONEHAM, MASS. SCALE 1"=40' Dated August 25, 2003" by Benchmark Survey.

2/3 Vote Required
Passes Unanimous
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered
***Approved by the Attorney General December 9, 2003**

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, zoning By-law by adding to the Recreation/Open Space District the following parcel adjacent to the railroad right of way:

A certain parcel of land situated in the Town of Stoneham, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a ½" iron pipe at the northwesterly corner of said lot, said point being S 84°-17'-29" E a distance of 208.30 feet from the easterly sideline of Lindenwood Road;

Thence running S 84°-17'-29" E a distance of 143.20 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 83°-16'-29" E partly by West Street a distance of 104.80 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 84°-20'-29" E partly by West Street a distance of 135.60 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 03°-31'-25" E a distance of 82.09 feet to a point on the northerly sideline of the former B & M RR ROW;

Thence running southwesterly along the northerly sideline of the former B & M RR ROW by a curved line to the right having a radius of 996.39 feet a distance of 70.00 feet to a point of tangency;

Thence turning and running S 59°-34'-00" W along the northerly sideline of the former B & M RR ROW a distance of 162.97 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running N 30°-26'-00" W a distance of 58.99 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 84°-12'-01" W a distance of 154.50 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running N 00°-56'-20" W a distance of 206.70 feet to the point of beginning;

Containing an area of 65,887 square feet and shown as Lot B on a plan entitled "SUBDIVISION PLAN OF LAND 51 MONTVALE AVENUE, STONEHAM, MASS. SCALE 1"=40' dated August 25, 2003" by Benchmark Survey.

Planning Board

Article 10. Voted that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, zoning By-law by adding to the Recreation/Open Space District the following parcel adjacent to the railroad right of way:

A certain parcel of land situated in the Town of Stoneham, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a ½" iron pipe at the northwesterly corner of said lot, said point being S 84°-17'-29" E a distance of 208.30 feet from the easterly sideline of Lindenwood Road;

Thence running S 84°-17'-29" E a distance of 143.20 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 83°-16'-29" E partly by West Street a distance of 104.80 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 84°-20'-29" E partly by West Street a distance of 135.60 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 03°-31'-25" E a distance of 82.09 feet to a point on the northerly sideline of the former B & M RR ROW;

Thence running southwesterly along the northerly sideline of the former B & M RR ROW by a curved line to the right having a radius of 996.39 feet a distance of 70.00 feet to a point of tangency;

Thence turning and running S 59°-34'-00" W along the northerly sideline of the former B & M RR ROW a distance of 162.97 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running N 30°-26'-00" W a distance of 58.99 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 84°-12'-01" W a distance of 154.50 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running N 00°-56'-20" W a distance of 206.70 feet to the point of beginning;

Containing an area of 65,887 square feet and shown as Lot B on a plan entitled "SUBDIVISION PLAN OF LAND 51 MONTVALE AVENUE, STONEHAM, MASS. SCALE 1"=40' dated August 25, 2003" by Benchmark Survey.

2/3 Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered

***Approved by the Attorney General December 9, 2003**

Article 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept as a gift from Merle C. Eastman, Jr., Trustee of 51 Montvale Avenue Trust, the land adjacent to the railroad right of way further described as follows:

A certain parcel of land situated in the Town of Stoneham, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a ½" iron pipe at the northwesterly corner of said lot, said point being S 84°-17'-29" E a distance of 208.30 feet from the easterly sideline of Lindenwood Road;

Thence running S 84°-17'-29" E a distance of 143.20 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 83°-16'-29" E partly by West Street a distance of 104.80 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 84°-20'-29" E partly by West Street a distance of 135.60 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 03°-31'-25" E a distance of 82.09 feet to a point on the northerly sideline of the former B & M RR ROW;

Thence running southwesterly along the northerly sideline of the former B & M RR ROW by a curved line to the right having a radius of 996.39 feet a distance of 70.00 feet to a point of tangency;

Thence turning and running S 59°-34'-00" W along the northerly sideline of the former B & M RR ROW a distance of 162.97 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running N 30°-26'-00" W a distance of 58.99 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 84°-12'-01" W a distance of 154.50 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running N 00°-56'-20" W a distance of 206.70 feet to the point of beginning;

Containing an area of 65,887 square feet and shown as Lot B on a plan entitled "SUBDIVISION PLAN OF LAND 51 MONTVALE AVENUE, STONEHAM, MASS. SCALE 1"=40' dated August 25, 2003" by Benchmark Survey.

Board of Selectmen

Article 11. Voted that Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept as a gift from Merle C. Eastman, Jr., Trustee of 51 Montvale Avenue Trust, the land adjacent to the railroad right of way further described as follows:

A certain parcel of land situated in the Town of Stoneham, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a ½" iron pipe at the northwesterly corner of said lot, said point being S 84°-17'-29" E a distance of 208.30 feet from the easterly sideline of Lindenwood Road;

Thence running S 84°-17'-29" E a distance of 143.20 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 83°-16'-29" E partly by West Street a distance of 104.80 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 84°-20'-29" E partly by West Street a distance of 135.60 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 03°-31'-25" E a distance of 82.09 feet to a point on the northerly sideline of the former B & M RR ROW;

Thence running southwesterly along the northerly sideline of the former B & M RR ROW by a curved line to the right having a radius of 996.39 feet a distance of 70.00 feet to a point of tangency;

Thence turning and running S 59°-34'-00" W along the northerly sideline of the former B & M RR ROW a distance of 162.97 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running N 30°-26'-00" W a distance of 58.99 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 84°-12'-01" W a distance of 154.50 feet to a point;

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Containing an area of 65,887 square feet and shown as Lot B on a plan entitled "SUBDIVISION PLAN OF LAND 51 MONTVALE AVENUE, STONEHAM, MASS. SCALE 1"=40' dated August 25, 2003" by Benchmark Survey.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning Bylaws, by deleting Section 6.2 in its entirety and Section 5.3.1, and inserting a new Section 6.2 as follows:

6.2 NONCONFORMING USES AND STRUCTURES.

6.2.1 Applicability: This zoning by-law shall not apply to structures or uses lawfully in existence or lawfully begun, or to a building or special permit issued before the first publication of notice of the public hearing required by G.L. c. 40A, s.5 at which this zoning by-law, or any relevant part thereof, was adopted. Such prior, lawfully existing nonconforming uses and structures may continue, provided there is no modification of the use or structure unless authorized hereunder.

6.2.2 Nonconforming Uses: The Board of Appeals may grant a "Section 6 special permit" to change from one nonconforming use to another, less detrimental, nonconforming use. A "Section 6 special permit" may not be granted for any other change of use, nor for a substantial extension of a use.

6.2.3 Nonconforming Structures Other Than Single or Two Family Residential Structures:

(a) The Board of Appeals may award a "Section 6 special permit" to reconstruct, extend or structurally change a nonconforming structure in accordance with this section if it determines that such reconstruction, extension, alteration, or change shall not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming structure to the neighborhood. A Section 6 special permit may not be granted to alter a structure to provide for a substantially different purpose or for the same purpose in a substantially different manner or to a substantially greater extent. Provided further, however that:

(i) The reconstruction, extension or structural change of a nonconforming structure in such a manner as to increase an existing nonconformity, or create a new nonconformity, including the extension of

an exterior wall at or along the same nonconforming distance within a required yard, shall require the issuance of a variance from the Board of Appeals; and

(ii) The granting of a Section 6 special permit to reconstruct, extend or structurally change a nonconforming structure in accordance with this section does not eliminate nor diminish any requirement to obtain a special permit otherwise required for the proposed structure.

6.2.4 Nonconforming Single and Two Family Residential Structures: In the following circumstances, alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural change to a single or two-family residential structure shall not be considered an increase in the non-conforming nature of the structure and shall be permitted as of right:

(a) alteration to a structure located on a lot with insufficient area, but which complies with all current setback, yard, building coverage, and building height requirements ("current requirements"), where the alteration will also comply with all said current requirements. (This clause shall apply regardless of whether the lot complies with the current frontage requirement).

(b) alteration to a structure located on a lot with insufficient frontage, but which complies with all current setback, yard, building coverage, and building height requirements ("current requirements"), where the alteration will also comply with all of said current requirements. (This clause shall apply regardless of whether the lot complies with the current area requirement).

(c) alteration to a structure which encroaches upon one or more required yard or setback areas, where the alteration will comply with all current setback, yard, building coverage and building height requirements (This clause shall apply regardless of whether the lot complies with the current area and frontage requirements).

(d) alteration to the side or face of a structure which encroaches upon a required yard or setback area, where the alteration will not encroach upon such area to a distance greater than the existing structure, and will comply with all other current setback requirements and all yard, building coverage and building height requirements (This clause shall apply regardless of whether the lot complies with the current area and frontage requirements).

(e) alteration to a nonconforming structure which will not increase the footprint of the existing structure provided that existing height restrictions shall not be exceeded.

In the event that the Building Inspector determines that the proposed alteration does not meet the requirements of subsections (a)-(e) above ("above subsections") so as not to permitted as of right, the applicant may:

(i) Appeal said determination of the Building Inspector to the Board of Appeals pursuant to Section 7.6.1., on the basis that said proposed alteration is permitted as of right pursuant to one of the above subsections (a - e); and/or

(ii) Apply to the Board of Appeals for a Section 6 special permit based on a finding by the Board that the proposed alteration does not increase the nonconforming nature of said structure, despite the fact that the proposed alteration is not permitted as of right pursuant to one of the above subsections; and/or

(iii) Apply to the Board of Appeals for a Section 6 special permit based on a finding by the Board that the proposed alteration shall not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming structure to the neighborhood.

6.2.5 Abandonment or Non-Use: A nonconforming use or structure which has been abandoned, or not used for a period of two (2) years, shall lose its protected status and be subject to all of the provisions of the Zoning Bylaws, unless the Board of Appeals grants a Special Permit for reestablishment, subject to the provisions of Section 7.4, including, but not limited to the attachment of conditions regarding calendar time period, extent of use, hours of operation, outdoor storage, lighting, parking or similar controls.

6.2.6 Reconstruction after Catastrophe: A nonconforming structure may be reconstructed after a catastrophe or after demolition in accordance with the following provisions:

1. Reconstruction of said premises shall commence within two (2) years after such catastrophe.

2. Structures as reconstructed shall:

(a) be only as great in volume and area as the original nonconforming structure, and

(b) be located on the same footprint as the non-conforming structure or otherwise meet all applicable requirements for yards, setback, and height,

A structure of greater volume and/or area may be authorized pursuant to the applicable process(es) set out above for the expansion of a non-conforming use and/or structure.

6.2.7 Reversion to Nonconformity: No nonconforming use shall, if changed to a conforming use, revert to a nonconforming use.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Planning Board

Article 12. Voted that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning Bylaws, by deleting Section 6.2 in its entirety and Section 5.3.1, and inserting a new Section 6.2 as follows:

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6.2.2 Nonconforming Uses: The Board of Appeals may grant a "Section 6 special permit" to change from one nonconforming use to another, less detrimental, nonconforming use. A "Section 6 special permit" may not be granted for any other change of use, nor for a substantial extension of a use.

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(i) The reconstruction, extension or structural change of a nonconforming structure in such a manner as to increase an existing nonconformity, or create a new nonconformity, including the extension of an exterior wall at or along the same nonconforming distance within a required yard, shall require the issuance of a variance from the Board of Appeals; and

(ii) The granting of a Section 6 special permit to reconstruct, extend or structurally change a nonconforming structure in accordance with this section does not eliminate nor diminish any requirement to obtain a special permit otherwise required for the proposed structure.

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(a) alteration to a structure located on a lot with insufficient area, but which complies with all current setback, yard, building coverage, and building height requirements ("current requirements"), where the alteration will also comply with all said current requirements. (This clause shall apply regardless of whether the lot complies with the current frontage requirement).

(b) alteration to a structure located on a lot with insufficient frontage, but which complies with all current setback, yard, building coverage, and building height requirements ("current requirements"), where the alteration will also comply with all of said current requirements. (This clause shall apply regardless of whether the lot complies with the current area requirement).

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(d) alteration to the side or face of a structure which encroaches upon a required yard or setback area, where the alteration will not encroach upon such area to a distance greater than the existing structure, and will comply with all other current setback requirements and all yard, building coverage and building height requirements (This clause shall apply regardless of whether the lot complies with the current area and frontage requirements).

(e) alteration to a nonconforming structure which will not increase the footprint of the existing structure provided that existing height restrictions shall not be exceeded.

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(ii) Apply to the Board of Appeals for a Section 6 special permit based on a finding by the Board that the proposed alteration does not increase the nonconforming nature of said structure, despite the fact that the proposed alteration is not permitted as of right pursuant to one of the above subsections; and/or

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1. Reconstruction of said premises shall commence within two (2) years after such catastrophe.

2. Structures as reconstructed shall:

(a) be only as great in volume and area as the original nonconforming structure, and

(b) be located on the same footprint as the non-conforming structure or otherwise meet all applicable requirements for yards, setback, and height,

A structure of greater volume and/or area may be authorized pursuant to the applicable process(es) set out above for the expansion of a non-conforming use and/or structure.

2/3 Vote Required
Passes Unanimous
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered

***Approved by the Attorney General December 9, 2003**

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Code Chapter 15, Zoning By-law, by deleting from the Educational District and adding to the Residence A zone a portion of the parcel of land known as Lot 152 of Assessors Map 8 described as follows:

Beginning at a point on easterly sideline of Emerald Court, so-called, a private way, said point being 253.00 feet from Franklin Street, the line runs by land now or formerly of Joyce at #6 Emerald Court north 87-28-22 east, 49.50 feet and by land now or formerly of McDonald at #147 Franklin Street south 76-37-00 east, 100.00 feet; thence the line turns and runs south 24-48-12 west, 87.16 feet, to a point; thence the line turns and runs north 81-30-44 west, 133.50 feet, by land now or formerly of Swallow at #14 Emerald Court, to a point in the easterly sideline of the aforementioned Emerald Court; thence the line turns and runs along said easterly sideline north 15-13-04 east, 83.30 feet, to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 12,385 square feet, more or less.

All according to the "Plan of lot A#10 Emerald Court in Stoneham, Massachusetts" dated July 21, 2003 by Robert E. Grover, Town Engineer, and subject to the sewer easement as shown.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 13. Moved that the Town amend the Town Code Chapter 15, Zoning By-law, by deleting from the Educational District and adding to the Residence A zone a portion of the parcel of land known as Lot 152 of Assessors Map 8 described as follows:

Beginning at a point on easterly sideline of Emerald Court, so-called, a private way, said point being 253.00 feet from Franklin Street, the line runs by land now or formerly of Joyce at #6 Emerald Court north 87-28-22 east, 49.50 feet and by land now or formerly of McDonald at #147 Franklin Street south 76-37-00 east, 100.00 feet; thence the line turns and runs south 24-48-12 west, 87.16 feet, to a point; thence the line turns and runs north 81-30-44 west, 133.50 feet, by land now or formerly of Swallow at #14 Emerald Court, to a point in the easterly sideline of the aforementioned Emerald Court; thence the line turns and runs along said easterly sideline north 15-13-04 east, 83.30 feet, to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 12,385 square feet, more or less.

All according to the "Plan of lot A#10 Emerald Court in Stoneham, Massachusetts" dated July 21, 2003 by Robert E. Grover, Town Engineer, and subject to the sewer easement as shown.

2/3 Vote Required
Hand Count

Yes	No
46	53

Motion Fails
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 1, General Provisions, Section 1-4A, Non-Criminal Disposition, as follows:

1. By adding the following sentence at the end of said Section 1-4A: Each day any violation continues shall constitute a separate violation.

2. By adding a reference to Section 8-8 of the Stoneham Town Code, Unlawful Parking, to Section 1-4A of the Stoneham Town Code, Non-Criminal Disposition. Section 8-8 Unlawful Parking provides as follows:

   It shall be unlawful to park or leave standing or unattended, for greater than two hours, on any public way or private way open for use for the general public, any vehicle or combination of attached vehicles twenty-five (25) feet or more in length or having a registered gross weight of ten thousand pounds (10,000 lbs.) or more, or any unattached trailer regardless of its length or weight.

   The term vehicle shall include, but not be limited to, a truck, tractor, trailer, bus, van, motor or mobile home, or recreational vehicle.

The prohibition imposed hereby shall not apply to the parking or standing of such vehicles when:

(a) Making pickups or deliveries, or loading or unloading goods, to or from property located on the way or within one thousand feet (1000') of the subject property.

(b) Being used in connection with, or in aid of, the performance of a service to or on a property located on the way or within one thousand feet (1000') of the subject property.

(c) Parked or standing on a private way in a district zoned as "commercial" on the Town of Stoneham zoning map on file in the office of the Building Inspector and the Department of Public Works.

The reference to Section 8-8, Unlawful Parking, shall also include the following:

Additional Enforcing Person: None

Fine: $25.00 for the first violation in a twelve month period.
$50.00 for the second violation in a twelve month period.
$100.00 for the third and subsequent violation in a twelve month period.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Chief of Police

Article 14. Voted that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 1, General Provisions, Section 1-4A, Non-Criminal Disposition, as follows:

1. By adding the following sentence at the end of said Section 1-4A: Each day any violation continues shall constitute a separate violation.

2. By adding a reference to Section 8-8 of the Stoneham Town Code, Unlawful Parking, to Section 1-4A of the Stoneham Town Code, Non-Criminal Disposition. Section 8-8 Unlawful Parking provides as follows:

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(a) Making pickups or deliveries, or loading or unloading goods, to or from property located on the way or within one thousand feet (1000') of the subject property.

(b) Being used in connection with, or in aid of, the performance of a service to or on a property located on the way or within one thousand feet (1000') of the subject property.

(c) Parked or standing on a private way in a district zoned as "commercial" on the Town of Stoneham zoning map on file in the office of the Building Inspector and the Department of Public Works.

The reference to Section 8-8, Unlawful Parking, shall also include the following:

Additional Enforcing Person: None

Fine: $50.00

Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

***Approved by the Attorney General December 9, 2003**

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 3, Animals and Fowl, Section 3-5, License and Fee, as follows:

Sec. 3-5. License and Fee.

The fee for every dog license shall, ~~except as otherwise provided~~ **be fixed by the Town Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 22F of the General Laws and shall be reasonable** ~~be seven dollars ($7) for a male dog and eleven ($11) for a female dog, unless a certificate of a registered veterinarian who performed the operation that said female dog has been spayed and has thereby been deprived of the power of propagation has been shown to the town clerk, in which case the fee shall be seven dollars ($7). If the town clerk is satisfied that the certificate of the veterinarian who spayed the dog cannot be obtained, he may accept in lieu thereof a statement signed under the penalties of perjury by a veterinarian registered and practicing in the commonwealth, describ-~~

~~ing the dog and stating that he has examined such dog and that it appears to have been, and in his opinion has been, spayed and thereby deprived of the power of propagation or a receipt of a bill from the veterinarian who performed the operation that spayed such female dog.~~

No fee shall be charged for a license for a dog specially trained to lead or serve a blind person; provided, that the Massachusetts commission for the blind certifies that such a dog is so trained and actually in the service of a blind person. No fee shall be charged for a license for a dog professionally trained in the hearing dog business to serve a deaf person; provided, that the director of the office of deafness certifies that such dog is so trained and actually in the service of the deaf person. No license fee or part thereof shall be refunded because of the subsequent death, loss, spaying, or removal from the commonwealth or other disposal of the dog, nor shall any license fee or part thereof paid by mistake be paid or recovered back after it has been paid over to the county under section one hundred and forty-seven. Other than as provided in this bylaw, the licensing provisions and requirements of the Massachusetts General Laws, including those contained in Chapter 140 of the General Laws, remain applicable.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Town Clerk

Article 15. Voted that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 3, Animals and Fowl, Section 3-5, License and Fee, as Follows: (~~Strikethrough~~ reflects deleted text; insertion of new text shown in **bold**)

Sec. 3-5. License and Fee.

The fee for every dog license shall, ~~except as otherwise provided~~ **be fixed by the Town Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 22F of the General Laws and shall be reasonable** ~~be seven dollars ($7) for a male dog and eleven ($11) for a female dog, unless a certificate of a registered veterinarian who performed the operation that said female dog has been spayed and has thereby been deprived of the power of propagation has been shown to the town clerk, in which case the fee shall be seven dollars ($7). If the town clerk is satisfied that the certificate of the veterinarian who spayed the dog cannot be obtained, he may accept in lieu thereof a statement signed under the penalties of perjury by a veterinarian registered and practicing in the commonwealth, describing the dog and stating that he has examined such dog and that it appears to have been, and in his opinion has been, spayed and thereby deprived of the power of propagation or a receipt of a bill from the veterinarian who performed the operation that spayed such female dog.~~

No fee shall be charged for a license for a dog specially trained to lead or serve a blind person; provided, that the Massachusetts commission for the blind certifies that such a dog is so trained and actually in the service of a blind person. No fee shall be charged for a license for a dog professionally trained in the hearing dog business to serve a deaf person; provided, that the director of the office of deafness certifies that such dog is so trained and actually in the service of the deaf person. No license fee or part thereof shall be refunded because of the subsequent death, loss, spaying, or removal from the commonwealth or other disposal of the dog, nor shall any license fee or part thereof paid by mistake be paid or recovered back after it has been paid over to the county under section one hundred and forty-seven. Other than as provided in this bylaw, the licensing provisions and requirements of the Massachusetts General Laws, including those contained in Chapter 140 of the General Laws, remain applicable.

Majority Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

***Approved by the Attorney General December 9, 2003**

Article 16. To see if the town will adopt a by-law requiring a continuous strip no less than 25 feet in width, untouched and in its natural state, to be left undisturbed adjacent to those areas meeting the description of a "wetland", identified by a wetland scientist approved by the Stoneham Conservation Commission, as identified in the Wetlands Protection Act, G.L. Ch. 131, s 40 and regulations thereunder, 310 CMR 10.00. No person shall remove, fill dredge, alter, or build upon within this strip.

Establishment of this strip shall be accomplished in the same manner as the buffer zone boundary is established as described in the Wetlands Protection Act, G.L. 131, s 40 and Regulations thereunder, 310 CMR 10.00

Conservation Commission

Article 16. Voted that the subject matter of article 16 be indefinitely postponed.

Motion to Indefinitely Postponed
Indefinitely Postponed

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the below referenced property, taken by tax foreclosure, from the control and custody of the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and Town Treasurer to the Conservation Commission pursuant to the Massachusetts General Laws, including M.G.L. c. 40, sec. 15A. Land approximately 20,000 square feet off Atwood Avenue, Board of Assessor's Map 23, Parcel 38 (formerly Lots #38, #39, #40).

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Conservation Commission

Article 17.Moved that the Town transfer the below referenced property, taken by tax foreclosure, from the control and custody of the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and Town Treasurer to the Conservation Commission pursuant to the Massachusetts General Laws, including M.G.L. c. 40, sec. 15A. Land approximately 20,000 square feet off Atwood Avenue, Board of Assessor's Map 23, Parcel 38 (formerly Lots #38, #39, #40).

Motion to Amend
Motion to amend made by John DeGeorge 148 Franklin Street

Motion to amend and replace the main motion as follows:

Move that the Town owned property identified as Parcel 38 on the Board of Assessor's Map 23 and further described in the warrant article, be retained by the Town of Stoneham, as natural conservation land. The land shall be maintained by the Town and no buildings or structures shall be erected there on.

Motion to Move the Question
Question is Moved
Motion to Amend
Amendment Passes
Motion as Amended
2/3 Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator

Motion to Dissolve
Meeting Dissolved at 11:13 PM